

# Weber's Goal: 'Win America To Christ'

MEMPHIS (BP) — Outlining his goals as president of the nation's largest Protestant evangelical denomination, Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber issued a challenge here for Southern Baptists to observe the nation's 200th anniversary by "seeking to win America to Christ in our lifetime."

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., made the statements in a major address to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. It was one of his first major speeches following his election in June as SBC president.

Pointing out that the denomination's theme for the fiscal year 1975-76 is "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," Weber urged Baptists to celebrate the nation's bicentennial with the "proclamation of true freedom in Jesus Christ."

"We must unite, the birth of a nation to the need of a new birth in Christ," Weber declared.

He cautioned Baptists against letting civic organizations take over the community celebrations "of our beginning as a Christian nation while we remain silent on the sidelines."

"Let's get ahead of the crowd — lead the way in proclaiming that America was born in the fire of revival, has been sustained by revival and has as her only moral and spiritual hope the revivals which come from above," Weber declared.

"Our purpose, as the greatest denomination in the world," he said, should be "to win America to Christ in our lifetime."

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Weber called for a renewed emphasis in the SBC on evangelism as he begins his term of office as convention president.

"It is high time that we refine our priorities," he said. "For one full year I'd like everything we do to revolve around the question, 'How is this going to result in direct evangelism?'"

He said he has been convinced for a long time "that every need of our fellowship is met within the incoming tide of evangelism."

He suggested each of the 34,500 churches in the convention re-evaluate every calendar event, each program and every project in the light of whether it meets the evangelistic task of the church.

"I would like for my church to be one of the first to say in 1976, 'Nothing is permitted in programming or budgeting that does not directly relate to the task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ.'"

The task of the church, he said, is not political, not social and not educational. "It is to bring men to God through Jesus Christ and to make them more Christ-like."

The ministry of the church must include "social outreach," for without a social ministry, the church is neglecting a part of the whole gospel, Weber said.

"But that social outreach is a means to an end, and that purpose is evangelism," he declared.

Weber said that Southern Baptists have the resources and people to accomplish this task.

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## Louisville Layman Heads Brotherhood's Trustees

MEMPHIS (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission approved a 1974-75 budget of \$1,430,338, elected a Louisville layman as the new chairman, agreed to help missionary families in two areas and drafted a response to a denominational study committee.

The directors also pledged strong support to associational missions, but declined to sponsor a formal day of prayer for associational missions because of possible conflicts with Baptist polity.

The new budget, which includes \$85,000 in capital needs for building improvements, represents an increase in operating funds of \$17,540 over the 1973-74 budget.

P. A. Stevens, president of Fire Protection of Louisville, Inc., was chosen chairman to replace Hovie Revis of Greenwood, S. C., pastor of South Main Baptist Church.

Charles Becton, pastor of First Baptist Church of McAlester, Okla., was elected vice chairman. Re-elected directors are William Hardy, educational director for First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., recording secretary; and Brotherhood Commission Executive Secretary Glendon McCullough of Memphis, treasurer.

Three new members were elected to the 10-man executive committee: Revis, Glenn Rainey of Jackson, Tenn.; and Eddie Scroggins of Grand Junction, Colo.

The trustees voted to publish a directory of automobile dealers who will agree to sell cars at reduced prices to furloughing missionaries and to buy them back, when the missionaries return to their field of service. They also agreed to help children of missionaries in college find summer jobs.

An eight-point report by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Committee of Fifteen (now defunct) about

the work of the Brotherhood Commission prompted adoption of a four-page reply to the committee study.

The directors agreed with the concerns of the committee about the enrollment of men and boys in Brotherhood work and revealed projected programs of lay renewal, lay witnessing and comprehensive mission education plans through publicizing and promoting the Cooperative Program.

Acknowledging the worth of reliable and measurable data on which

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## Gambrell Is Named Manager Of Jackson Baptist Book Store

NASHVILLE—Tom Gambrell, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Ridgeway Baptist Conference Center and assistant manager of the Atlanta store, has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, Miss., effective the first of September.

Gambrell, long-time university administrator, has been employed by the Baptist Book Store chain for two years.

"The many acquaintances he has made and the understanding of Baptist programs he has gained at the conference center will be extremely valuable to Tom as he moves into this position," said Jay O. Turner, central stores department manager in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division.

"He's a hard worker and his long-time involvement in Southern Baptist work qualifies him to be sensitive to

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## Preliminary Plans For Convention Announced

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — "Let Christ's Freedom Ring" will be the theme for the 118th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting slated for June 10-12, 1975 here, according to Searcy S. Garrison, chairman of the SBC's Committee on Order of Business.

"The six-member committee, which plans the annual meeting subject to approval of the convention in its first session, met in Miami Beach to take the first steps toward planning the 1975 meeting."

"I want us to have a convention in 1975 that people will go away from talking about the things that unite us rather than divide us," said Jaroy Weber, president of the 12.3-million member SBC.

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., was elected the highest office of America's largest evangelical group in Dallas in June.

"Every effort should be made in 1975 to focus attention on what made us the great convention we are," Weber said. "We need to emphasize

evangelism, and missions, and the needs in America. Why, other countries are sending missionaries to us," he observed.

"We expect excellent attendance in Miami Beach in 1975, perhaps second only to Dallas in 1974 where we registered a record 18,190 messengers," said Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia.

"We will launch the bicentennial celebration for our nation in 1975 and we will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, the financial base for our world-mission program," the Georgia executive said.

"We want to focus attention on patriotism; Bible preaching and missions. Southern Baptists are the largest evangelical group in America. We want to do our part in helping our country celebrate its 200th birthday and also emphasize our world-wide responsibilities for Christ."

Preliminary plans call for an emphasis on the Cooperative Program

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## STATE MISSION SEASON of PRAYER

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ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

To Read Mental Health Seven Named Five

For Elizabeth White's Car

G. B. Becton

STATE GOAL \$125,000

## Every Church Is Urged To Emphasize State Missions

State Missions is the special emphasis of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in September of each year and this year Dr. Earl Kelly executive secretary-treasurer, has urged every church to participate by observing this important event and taking a special offering for the cause.

This year's Convention-approved special offering goal is \$125,000 and the funds given will apply toward the 1974 State Missions Budget of \$1,621,878.

This \$1,621,878 includes \$1,421,878 in the Operational section and \$200,000 in the Advance section which is allocated for Gulfshore Assembly capital needs.

The State Missions section in the 1974 State Convention Budget is the part listed under "Board Programs."

Continuing, Dr. Kelly declared that "It is my hope that our State Missions offering this year will be the greatest in our history."

"This opportunity affords our people a means of giving more support to mission work in Mississippi."

The suggested date is Sept. 8-11, but if this date is not convenient for certain churches, the executive secretary urges those to observe the special emphasis and receive the offering on a date that is convenient.

State Missions emphasis in September has been church-wide in scope the past few years and particularly includes the WMU Season of Prayer Sept. 8-11 and State Missions Day in the Sunday School suggested for Sunday, Sept. 8.

The program theme is "All Things Are Possible."

Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive secretary, and Mrs. Robert Smira, Jackson, state president, urge every local organization in the state to observe the program and receive an offering for the cause.

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, declared that "Acts 1:8 says, 'Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' I have always in-

terpreted the part referring to Judea as being my state.

"It seems to me that if we are going to fulfill the scriptural admonition of witnessing in our state, one of the very best means to do so would be the State Mission offering."

Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive secretary-treasurer, describes State Missions as follows:

"Loving those in need in our state in the same way we love and share with those across the ocean."

"Being knowledgeable about the work of Mississippi Baptists within

the Magnolia State.

"Appreciating people of all cultures and races in our state and helping them have full, meaningful lives through Jesus Christ."

"Placing mobile chapels in mushrooming sections of Mississippi."

"Providing missionaries' salaries and travel expenses."

"Having a devotional service in a state park of distributing Bibles in an urban shopping mall."

"Having a piece of the action in winning the world by beginning at home."

"I'm delighted to be able to be a part of the State Missions program of Mississippi Baptists — aren't you?"

Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, state Sunday School director, is likewise urging every Sunday School in the state to observe State Missions Day and receive a special offering.

## 1974 State Mission Budget

	Operation	Advance
Sunday School	121,475	
Church Training	97,210	
Brotherhood	74,225	
Church Music	70,300	
B.S.U.		160,000
(Operational)		
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(Capt. Needs)		98,460
National Baptists		39,725
Evangelism		78,150
Stewardship		109,868
Cooperative Missions		57,000
Associational Subsidies		11,000
Church Building Aid		5,000
Pastoral Aid		34,600
Building Services		350
Religious Education Association		900
Sanatorium Ministry		5,000
Promotion and Miscellaneous		107,400
Property and Maintenance		148,200
Property and Capital Needs		32,015
Convention Board Program Expansion		45,000
New Missions		86,000
Social Security: Insurance		200,000
Gulfshore Assembly (Capt. needs)		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,421,878</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

## Creedal Trends Opposed

RIDGECREST, N. C. (B) — Southern Baptists must face up to a subtle form of creedalism that is seeping into their life, a Southern Baptist Historical Commission staffer said here.

"This creedalism exists in the movement which suggests that all Southern Baptists give allegiance to the precise doctrines and wording of the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message," said Charles W. Deweese, the commission's assistant director of editorial and research services at a conference he led on Coping with Baptist Controversies and Building Church Fellowship.

"A series of dangerous tendencies issue from the renewed attention directed to the Baptist Faith and Message," which "in itself was a worthy effort," first adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925 and revised by the SBC in 1963.

"First, there is a tendency to place all Southern Baptists into a common doctrinal mold on every point of belief," he said. "This is an impossible and inappropriate objective. Southern Baptists differ today on numerous points listed in the 1963 confession," he added.

Deweese said historically Baptists have encouraged each church member to interpret the scriptures for himself or herself. The current trend "virtually denies this privilege by absolutizing a particular doctrinal expression and recommending it for the use of all Southern Baptists," Deweese continued.

He told Baptist Press, "The authority of the Bible as God's Word is superior to the authority of any statement."

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## SBC Affiliation Clause Is Upheld In Ohio Court

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — An Ohio court has upheld a clause in the "special covenant agreement" between the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the churches obtaining board building loans. The clause requires the churches to remain in fellowship with their local association, state convention and the SBC or pay off the loan immediately.

The mission board will take over the property of Barnett Road Baptist Church here climaxing a two-year legal tussle. The difficulty started when the church went "independent," severing ties with the Columbus Baptist Association, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Southern Baptist Convention. The pastor was James E. Moody.

Constituted with the aid of the association, the state and Home Mission Board in 1967, the church cut its Southern Baptist ties in December, 1972.

In January, 1973, eight former members filed suit in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas here stating they represented the true congregation which started the church. They asked that Moody and his congregation be vacated from the property and it be turned over to the state convention for a Southern Baptist church.

The Home Mission Board was also listed as plaintiff in the suit, asking a judgment against the church for \$48,415.62, plus interest. The amount was the balance due on a \$55,000 loan

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## Baptist Agencies Respond To Overseas Flood Crises

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) has appealed here for funds for flood relief in Bangladesh and India.

The death toll in these countries, a BWA spokesman said, has been placed at 3,000, with some 33 million others affected by the floods. Outbreaks of cholera have been reported in several places.

Meanwhile in Richmond, Va., the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention said it has re-

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the HMB had made to the church in 1972.

The lawsuit charged that in disassociating itself with the association, state and Southern Baptist Conventions, the church had violated a clause in the "special covenant agreement" which is included in the granting of every HMB loan.

The agreement states: "that the

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comply the task of "winning America to Christ in our lifetime," adding that if he did not really believe it was possible he would feel "defeated before we even start the task."

The key question is, "Do we really care?" he observed. Calling for "a deep concern for America," Weber said, "If we get that caring spirit, we can win America to Christ."

Weber, pastor of the second largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, was the major speaker for the annual meeting of trustees for the denomination's Brotherhood Commission, the national agency based in Memphis which involves men and boys in missions.

### VBS In Bermuda

DEVONSHIRE, Bermuda — More than 100 children turned out for Vacation Bible School near an unfinished church in St. Georges that was left abandoned 100 years ago. The large attendance was a surprise to the faculty, according to Mrs. Robert L. Harris, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. The Bible school was led by summer missionary Randy Bradley who with his wife, Claudia, worked with the young people at First Baptist Church of Bermuda. They are students at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

church will at all times while this loan is in effect be a Southern Baptist church maintaining fellowship with the Southern Baptist Convention, its local state convention and its local association. In the event (the) church ceases to be a cooperating church, (the) board shall have the right to accelerate maturity on the loan. Non-cooperation shall be determined by the state convention and/or by (the) board."

In a judgment handed down in January, 1974, the court ruled against the request of the former members to vacate Moody and the others from the property, stating: "The court... finds that there is not a substantial minority, who are members of said church..."

But the court ruled that the church had breached the special covenant agreement and ordered the church to pay off the loan.

The church could not refinance the loan, and the board obtained an order authorizing foreclosure.

Foreclosure, however, was avoided by an out-of-court settlement, according to Robert H. Kilgore, director of the division of church loans.

The church will turn the building and its contents over to the board after the first Sunday in September.

Several possibilities are being considered for a new church on the property, Kilgore said. A Southern Baptist church in an adjoining neighborhood is considering relocating at the Barnett Road site. Several others have indicated a willingness to begin a mission there and some of the former Southern Baptist members are expected to return.

"Of course, we would have preferred not to have gone through all this," Kilgore said. "But we are pleased that a Southern Baptist witness will be continued on the site."

"We are also pleased," he added, "that the special covenant agreement clause was upheld. This will strengthen our position in any future dealings with churches questioning the affiliation provision."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU. — As part of the Woman's Missionary Union's year-long emphasis on mission support, a birthday party celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program was held during WMU Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center this summer. Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU Birmingham, is shown with Jupe Whitlow, director, WMU's education division, and James L. Powell, Jr., assistant director, Cooperative Program promotion, Stewardship Commission, beside the giant cake. A similar celebration was held at Glorieta.

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ment of faith that any group of Christians have ever constructed."

Deweese also noted his belief that "Baptists should continue to point efforts toward evangelizing the world for Jesus Christ, rather than becoming bogged in doctrinal arguments and controversies."

"Second, there is a tendency to let the Baptist Faith and Message take the place of scripture," said Deweese at the Ridgecrest conference. "This is an impingement upon the authority of the Bible."

"Third, there is a tendency to assume that the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message has continuing validity for Southern Baptists in all times and in all places," Deweese asserted.

"Actually a statement of faith represents the opinions and doctrines only of those people who write and approve it. It is not valid for everyone afterwards. There is no binding quality to the 1963 confession," he added.

"Last," said Deweese, "in the effort to confine the beliefs of Southern Baptists into one definitive statement, there is a tendency to deny the validity of new insight to be gained from the Bible, the Holy Spirit and our Baptist heritage."

He concluded that "Although the 1963 confession was a worthy effort, it was not the final expression of the Baptist faith. Modification will prove imperative as time advances."



New Brotherhood Commission Officers — New elected officers of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission discuss Commission business during the annual board of commissioners' meeting August 22-23 at Olive Branch, Mississippi. From left to right are Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough, re-elected as treasurer; Kentucky Commission member P. A. Stevens, chairman; Oklahoma Commission member Charles M. Becton, vice-chairman; and Mississippi Commission member William E. Hardy, recording secretary. (Brotherhood Commission Photo)



Brotherhood Commission Recognizes Hunt-Weber-Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber, right, and Miss Alma Hunt, retiring executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, examine gifts presented to them by Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, during the annual Brotherhood Commission board meeting August 22-23 at Olive Branch, Mississippi. Miss Hunt was recognized for her long service to missions education and Weber delivered an address to the Commission (Brotherhood Commission Photo)

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work can be evaluated, the trustees asked the SBC Executive Committee to put more value in the future on needs, rather than enrollment increases when making budget allocations.

The trustees said a report by a commission-sponsored long range study committee scheduled in 1975 should speak to the Committee of Fifteen request for long range objectives, organizational and enrollment goals and measurable goals in such non-organizational areas as mission action and the use of retired laymen in missions.

In his annual report, McCullough outlined an 11-point plan for the future, including "a new partnership between the pulpit and the pew."

"The minister in the pew (the layman) must develop a better understanding of the minister in the pulpit (the pastor) and find ways to undergird his efforts and supplement his work," McCullough declared.

In other actions, the trustees: —voted to stand behind U. S. President Gerald Ford in his recent plea for prayer for the nation.

—elected Frank Black, a Royal Ambassador consultant, as director of the Crusader department; and granted a one-year leave of absence to Steve Wall, associate in the communications department.

—requested its executive com-

mittee to follow up on a study to place Brotherhood periodicals on the Baptist Sunday School Board's literature order form.

—honored Miss Alma Hunt, outgoing executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC auxiliary.

—set the dates for the next annual trustees meeting, Aug. 21-23, 1975.

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In the Tuesday evening session, an emphasis on America and national mission needs in the Wednesday night session and a focus, on Thursday night, on winning the world for Christ through foreign missions.

Preacher of the annual sermon, determined by the 1974 convention in Dallas, will be Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

President Weber will deliver his presidential address on Tuesday morning.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will serve as music director for the convention.

The three-day, seven-session convention will be meeting in the enlarged and improved Convention Center on Miami Beach.

### First Homecoming At Sylvaena Church

On September 8, Sylvaena Church of Wesson, will observe its first annual Homecoming Day. During the past year the church has designated the second Sunday in September each year as the day for Homecoming.

Following the morning service there will be dinner-on-the-ground. An afternoon service will follow at 1:30. A special offering will be taken to establish a Cemetery Trust Fund for the care of the church's cemetery. "We invite all friends and former members to come and worship and fellowship with us on this day," says Rev. M. Wayne Griffith, pastor.

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the needs of Baptist people," added Turner.

A native of Muskogee, Okla., Gambrell is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He earned the Ed.D. degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Gambrell, 56, has served Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., as professor of religious education, field representative in development and dean of students. Earlier, he was minister of education at South Side Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Ark. He also has served as minister of education for churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Georgia.

## Prolific Writer Covers 29 Consecutive Years

NASHVILLE — In forty-five years of curriculum writing, Donald F. Ackland has produced teachers' or pupils' materials for 1,519 Sunday School lessons. Used consecutively this work would cover 29 years.

A retiree of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Ackland is a writer for the July-September quarter 1974 in "The Adult Teacher" (Uniform) and "Senior Adult Bible Study" (Life and Work). Also, this quarter marks the fifth consecutive annual volume of "Broadman Comments" for which he had written the Bible expositions.

Ackland's involvement in Bible study aids began while he was assistant editor of "The Christian," a British evangelical magazine.

Most of the time that I have been your president, I have also had the responsibility of serving as the general chairman of the fund-raising campaign to restore Gulfshore. This has been one of the high privileges of my life. I have learned some wonderful people and made some new friends. Also, my faith has been confirmed and strengthened in regard to churches.

I am happy to share with you that we are very close to victory. I am not in a position to quote an exact figure, but the amount we lack is in the \$50,000 or \$60,000 range. These words are being written on Thursday afternoon, August 29, and I have an appointment with a man tomorrow. I am hoping and praying he will help us considerably.

Now I am making another appeal. This appeal is to both churches and individuals. We really need your help to finish up. If your church has already made a commitment but could do more, please do so. If you have not, but can, please do so. If you plan to do something but have not let us know, please do so.

Surely some individuals reading these words could help out. My plea is that you will do so. If you need a pledge card, please let me know and I will get you one. Or if you will just write a letter stating the amount, this will be sufficient.

We desperately need to close out this campaign within the next thirty days and we need you to help. —David Grant.

## Covington Countians Conduct Lay Mission In Central Montana



Twelve people from Covington County Association conducted a Pastor-Lay - People - Montana - Mission Project July 6-13. The project was planned in cooperation with Central Church, Lewistown, Montana. Rev. Eddie Neese, pastor, Lewistown is one of the key cities for Southern Baptist work in Montana, located in central part with over 7,000 population.

The group from Covington County involved in the mission-project were: Rev. Foy Killingsworth, pastor, First, Mt. Olive; Rev. Thomas Balch, pastor, Rock Hill, Mt. Olive; Rev. Eugene Stewart, pastor, Mt. Horeb,

Collins; Rev. A. E. Allmon, pastor, Lone Star Mission, Collins; Rev. L. B. Atchison, Director of Missions for Covington Association; with the following lay - people from Seminary Church; Hughes Thames, Jerry Bullock, R. A. Timbes, Rennie Mae Moore, Thelma Lee, Mrs. A. E. Allmon of Lone Star Mission, and Mrs. Eugene Stewart of Mt. Horeb Church.

The mission - project was sponsored by the following churches; Seminary Church; First, Mt. Olive; Rock Hill, Mt. Olive; Mt. Horeb, Collins; the Association; Collins Church; and various individuals.



### Former Pastor's Family, Church Organist Perform As Singing Group, "The Broadways"

"The Broadways," a singing group, is a family with the exception of Greta Stuart, who joined them in March of this year. Bob Broadway pastored for 16 years and in 1968 felt God's call to this ministry. Bob, Pat, Tony (16), Darlene and Marlene (14), are members of Wade Church, and Greta is a member of East Moss Point Baptist Church, Moss Point, and was organist there for 18 years. They have made five LP albums. Pat writes some of the songs they sing, one of which is her testimony of God sparing her life after Hodgkins disease. She also has written her testimony and will be in track form soon.

They have sung in services with such men as Bill Wyrick, Jerry Mixon, and Homer Martinez. They've also sung with Jack Price, former soloist for Bob Harrington. Greta has been used as revival soloist for some of America's most outstanding evangelists. For revivals, crusades, and special services, you can contact them by writing Bob Broadway, P. O. Box 361, Passaic, Miss. or phoning (601) 588-3731, or Greta Stuart at 475-7144.



NASHVILLE—Retired Sunday School Board editor Donald F. Ackland is shown here in his home where he continues to work after 45 years of curriculum writing.



## 25th Year Of Graham Meet To Be Marked

LOS ANGELES — Celebrities were converted, gangsters and prostitutes went to their knees in prayer. These were the events taking place in an explosive revival meeting in 1949, shaking Los Angeles and catching national attention.

Yet, when it was all over, it was rumored that the man responsible for all the ado would soon become obscured, his name "fading from existence in a year or two." Everyone knew of the celebrities converted, but who had ever heard of a guy named Billy Graham.

The Rev. William "Billy" Graham returned to Los Angeles some years later, not only filling its Coliseum, but breaking record capacity. Probably no other man in history has done so much to streamline the "sawdust trail" and make Bible fundamentalism, a term he has tried to avoid, respected among theologians. And he has probably done more to break down denominational barriers than any other man or organization — this Southern Baptist minister has even had the sanction of Roman Catholic cardinals encouraging their young people to go out and listen to him.

Well, Graham is coming again to Los Angeles. This time to head a crusade, however. This time to mark the 25th anniversary of that eventful eight weeks of revival in 1949.

He won't be returning to that landmark spot at Washington Boulevard and Hill Street where the tent was pitched to hold some 6,000 congregants. There's a large building housing a bank, furniture store and various other enterprises on that corner now. He'll be coming to the 17,000-seat Hollywood Bowl.

Unlike Graham's traditional crusades, the anniversary event is being prepared on short notice and the Hollywood Bowl site was chosen. The Coliseum and Anaheim Crusades were more than two years in the planning.

"Some time ago the anniversary of that historic tent meeting came to mind," wrote the Rev. Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, pastor of the Hollywood First Presbyterian Church, in a recent letter to Southernland Christian leaders, "and at the same time Dr. Harold Lindell was reminding the board of directors of 'Christianity Today.' But plans weren't laid until earlier this year."

Pastor Ogilvie and members of the Christian publication met with other churchmen and decided the event afforded "a tremendous opportunity for us as church leaders to say something to our community and perhaps to the nation at this terrible crucial hour." In April, Billy Graham accepted their invitation to commemorate crusade evangelism. The Bowl meetings are scheduled for Sept. 19-21, at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Controversy appeared during the 1949 crusade. This time over whether to extend the meetings. Graham didn't know what to do. He had prepared sermons, only for the three-week crusade.

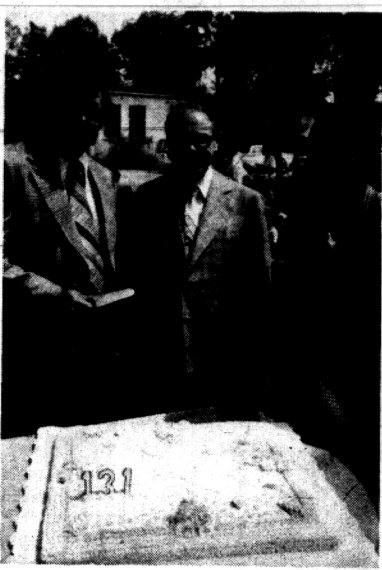
Then it happened. Local cowboy figure Stuart Hamblen, racehorse owner, gambler and who had a popular radio show, was converted at the Graham meeting. Newsmen deluged the "Canvas Cathedral," and Graham was informed he has been "kissed" by publisher William Randolph Hearst. Banner headlines reporting the crusade splashed across front pages of newspapers all over the country.

Then the packed tent saw other astounding conversions. Exconvict and gangster syndicate member Jim Vaus came forward for the Lord and publicly denounced his life of crime. A few days later he was followed by Louis Zamperini, track star of the 1936 Berlin Olympics and WW II hero who had suffered torture as a prisoner of war in the Pacific. The name "Billy Graham" skyrocketed.

"The crowds pressed to the big tent in such numbers that despite enlargement it could not contain them," states biographer John Pollock. "On the seventh Sunday it was full at midday for a 2:30 p.m. service, and the street blocked by those unable to get in. The campaign was the topic of all Los Angeles."

"The cabbies would start talking to you about Billy Graham, and waitresses and shop girls and most anyone," remembers Ben Weiss, then principal of the Metropolitan High School. "In the final week alcoholics and prostitutes and broken bits of humanity, too shy to enter the tent, would ask for personal workers," describes Pollock. "Before each service church people stood shoulder to shoulder on every inch of ground in that prayer tent, the leader's desk piled so high with written requests that many could not be mentioned."

Graham decided to set Sunday, Nov. 20, as the closing day. Seating had been enlarged for 9,000 persons, with overflow crowds outside. "And no one would have believed that 14 years later the attendance would be multiplied by 15," states Pollock, "when the turnstiles of the Los Angeles Coliseum clicked up to 134,254, with 20,000 more outside the gates, to



## 1st, Batesville Celebrates 131st Birthday

First Church, Batesville celebrated its 131st anniversary with a day of thanksgiving on Sunday, August 25. Dr. Earl Kelly was guest speaker on that day. Flanking Dr. Kelly above are pastor Robert Self on the left and chairman of deacons, Dr. David Ball.

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leased \$5,000 for relief in Bangladesh, at the request of the Southern Baptist missionaries there.

The board, a spokesman said, has received no direct requests from Southern Baptist missionaries in India, and is standing by to consider requests from either country.

Twenty thousand square miles of Bangladesh's 55,000 square mile area has gone under water, and many homes have been swept away, the BWA reported. In India's state of Bihar, floods covered 14,000 square miles, all densely occupied by villages of mud-wall houses. In many places in the state of Assam, water reached the roofs of houses.

Baptists are populous in the affected parts of India, where the Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast India coordinates the work of four indigenous conventions. There are three Baptist conventions at work in Bangladesh.

BWA aid will enable the Baptist officials in the affected areas to participate in the distribution of food, medicines and blankets, as these are shipped in through governmental assistance. He BWA said if the BWA is granted shipping space, gifts for flood relief will enable direct shipment of needed materials to the Baptists. However, at the local level, relief is given without regard to creed or caste on the needy said Carl W. Tiller, BWA relief coordinator.

KOWLOON, Hong Kong — Two Southern Baptist professors, Wayne Ward of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Jack McGorman of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, were featured on the program of the second faculty worship of the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary (ABGTS).

## New Baptist Hospital Facilities Open In Jordan

AJLOUN, Jordan — Several government officials were present as Baptists dedicated and opened the new facilities for Ajloun Baptist Hospital recently.

The new building includes 50 beds, a children's ward and a maternity ward. J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe and the Middle East, delivered the opening speech to the government officials, hospital personnel, missionaries and guests present. Fuad Kilany, minister of health for Jordan, cut the ribbon, acting on behalf of King Hussein who was unable to attend.

Medical work in Ajloun began in 1938 under the leadership of Dr. Charles McLean of England. A 23-bed hospital was completed in 1940 under McLean's direction. Southern Baptists took over the work in 1952 and have added improvements including a professional school of nursing, a laboratory and a pharmacy.

According to missionary press representative Mrs. L. August Lovegren, the "simple gift" represented two and a half months' salary for the donor.

near Billy Graham on the last night of the 1963 crusade.

But that first crusade wasn't without cost to the evangelist. He had run out of prepared sermons and was "begging outlines from preachers and friends, and reading every recommended book he could borrow or buy. He was exhausted and could not sleep properly."

"Billy nearly killed himself in the Los Angeles campaign," T. W. Wilson wrote on Dec. 3, 1949. "It was glorious, but, boy, it cost him a tremendous price. He is now under doctor's orders to rest for a month." The meetings at the Hollywood Bowl will be video-taped in color for subsequent release on national television.

# Rockefeller Says Christian Teachings Shaped His Life

By Baptist Press

Nelson A. Rockefeller, designated by President Gerald Ford as the man he wants to help him in extracting the nation from the mire of Watergate, believes that "religious principles must provide an unswerving moral base for our leadership, or that leadership will fail."

The former New York governor and U. S. vice-president designate makes that observation in a book, entitled "Politics and Religion Can Mix," scheduled for release October 1 by Broadman Press, publishing arm of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The book, compiled by Claude Frazier, a physician from Asheville, N. C., contains distillations of the moral and religious principles of a wide range of leaders, including Rockefeller, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Clarence Kelley and some 20 governors and U. S. Senators. It was compiled before President Ford tapped Rockefeller to succeed him as vice president.

Reflecting on the formation of his basic, life-directing principles, Rockefeller recalls how his political philosophy was influenced by his parents.

"My own philosophic base has its roots in the early family influence which shaped and guided me, the Christian teachings of both of my parents, which permeate even my earliest recollection," writes Rockefeller, a member of the Riverside Church, New York. The church is aligned with two nationwide denominations — the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ.

"Never will I forget my mother's letters to me... with her gentle philosophy which guided us toward the true brotherhood of man and continu-

## Emmanuel Pastor Moves To Indiana

Rev. Joe L. Hasson, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Jackson, resigned August 18, to accept a call from Oakhill Church, Evansville, Indiana. He will assume responsibilities in Oakhill Church on September 8.

During his four and one-half year ministry at Emmanuel he has baptized some 75 believers and the church has had nearly 200 total additions. There have been a number of commitments to "Christian Service," with two young men surrendering to preach within the last six months. These two, Wilton Milner and Mike Pace, were licensed on Mr. Hasson's last Sunday service with the church.

Other achievements at Emmanuel under leadership of Mr. Hasson include an annual budget increase from \$37,500 to \$62,000 with average weekly total gifts increasing from about \$600 to more than \$1100. The church has paid off a bond program and three houses adjacent to the church grounds which property will be used in future expansion. Among program and organizational successes is the beginning of a Christian recreation program and the construction of a building for this program. The building was built and equipped at a cost of some \$85,000 and is at present valued at approximately \$175,000.

The Oakhill Church to which he moves is located in a suburban-residential area of north Evansville, and is a strong, well-established work, although Indiana Baptist work is considered pioneer work. The Oakhill Church is described as "the church with the contest potential in the Evansville area."

Mr. Hasson is married to the former Mary Janice Riley of Hattiesburg, and they have three children: Carol, 12; Joey, 9; and Jonathan, 6. The Hassons' new address is: 5700 Twickenham Drive, Evansville, Indiana 47711.

# Preschoolers At Church Conferences Are Scheduled For Mid-September

What can preschoolers do at church?

If you're a preschool worker, pastor, or director of education who has ever asked yourself this question, you need to attend a conference based on the book PRESCHOOLERS AT CHURCH.

Area conferences jointly sponsored by the Sunday School, Church Train-

ally imbued us with a sense of our Christian responsibility toward others," recalls Rockefeller, who has identified himself as "an active Baptist layman."

"My father, too, not only shaped the course of his life by Christian principles," Rockefeller wrote of John D. Rockefeller Jr., "but also, in his day-to-day contacts with us, passed those traditions to his children."

"He taught a men's Bible class at the old Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, but his teaching did not stop there. It was with us every day, from the moment we arose and had family prayers before breakfast until we went to bed at night."

"With such a background, it is natural that, even before I first entered public life, I recognized politics not as an end, but a means to an end; that we must be guided by God's admonition that each of us is, indeed, his brother's keeper, and that we must put our belief to work through our public and political actions."

Citing his family heritage, Rockefeller says it "spared me from material concerns, but the legacy from my parents for which I am most grateful is the armor of Christian faith and love with which they equipped me and my brothers and sisters."

Nelson Rockefeller discusses John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s personal creed, which, he says, he has "striven to live by and shape my public acts by."

Some of its tenets are belief in "the supreme worth of the individual; that the law is made for man, not man for the law; the government is the servant of the people, not their master;... thrift is essential to well-ordered living and economy is a prime requisite of a sound financial structure, whether in government, business or personal affairs;... truth and justice are fundamental to an enduring social order;... a man's word should be as good as his bond; character — not wealth or position — is a supreme worth."

The creed also includes belief in an "all wise and all-loving God, named by whatever name," belief that "the individual's highest fulfillment, greatest happiness and widest usefulness are to be found in living in harmony with his (God's) will, and belief that 'love is the greatest thing in the world; that it alone can overcome hate; that right can and will triumph.'"

The imprint of his parents and their philosophy of life, writes Rockefeller, has helped him follow the directive of his favorite Bible verse, Micah 6:8, to "do justly" and "walk humbly" with God.

Rockefeller's political and private lives have sparked praise and condemnation across the religious and political spectrums.

After he became governor of New York state in 1958, he championed civil rights measures, supported limits on the death penalty, introduced a state lottery, eased restrictions on drinking alcohol, strengthened laws against drug-pushers and supported liberalized abortion laws.

Rockefeller supported public aid to college students in private and sectarian schools, in the early days of his governorship, but he vetoed measures that might have provided state money directly to church-related vocational schools.

In the late 1960's, his support for some type of aid to non-public schools intensified as parochial and private programs experienced increasing financial troubles.

## Bryson Joins South Carolina Convention

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP) — Larry Bryson, director of Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's program of rural-urban missions, has been elected director of the missions department of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

financial troubles. The U. S. Supreme Court struck down several Rockefeller-backed statutes granting state aid to non-public education.

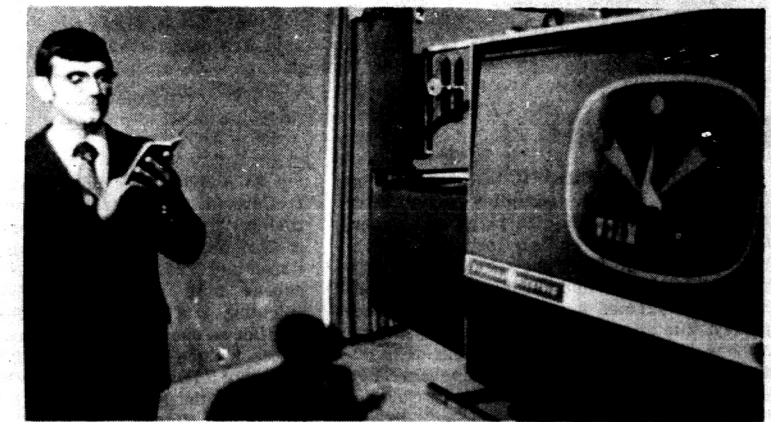
A religious controversy, which appears about dead, arose when Rockefeller divorced his wife of 32 years in 1962 and married Margaretta Fittler (Happy) Murphy in 1963.

Marshall Lee Smith, the minister who performed the governor's second wedding, was censured by the Hudson River Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church for violating denominational law. The church's constitution requires that a year elapse before the marriage of a divorced person, and the second Mrs. Rockefeller had been divorced for only about five weeks when the ceremony took place.

Philanthropic projects of the Rockefeller family have benefited the American Baptists. Funds provided by John D. Rockefeller Sr. built the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and John Jr. provided a substantial part of the funds which built the Riverside Church in New York, according to an American Baptist spokesman.

The Rockefeller Foundation, operated by the Rockefeller brothers, made a substantial contribution in the late 1960's to the American Baptist Churches' world missions campaign.

In the 1920's John D. Rockefeller Jr. contributed \$7 million to help found the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, the American Baptist retirement and annuity board.



## Carey To Offer Bible Study By TV

Offering a FIRST in the Hattiesburg-Laurel area in the form of college-level Bible study by television, Dr. Don Stewart will teach "The Life of Christ" each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6 A.M. on Channel 7, WDAM. Offering three hours of semester credit, the course must be registered for just as any other course. Full details may be had by calling Dr. Stewart at William Carey College. Exams will be given at stated times on the campus. Listed as Bible Studies No. 307, the course is listed in the Carey College catalogue. Dr. Stewart is chairman in the department of religion and philosophy.

## Rec Lab For '75 Set At Lake Yale

LEESBURG, Fla. — The only recreation lab set for 1975 by the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will be Jan. 3-9 at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, here.

Worship leader for the lab will be William Hendricks, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Leading the music will be Mrs. Jeri Graham, youth director at the Hyland Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

The lab is open to all church staff members and denominational leaders who have responsibilities in recreation. Spouses of these workers are also eligible to attend as full participants. There is no provision for children at the lab.

In-depth courses, a conference notebook, room and board are included in the \$90 cost of the lab. Interested persons should send a \$25 registration fee (a part of the total cost) to R. Maines Rawls, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

## Robinson Resigns

## Augusta Pastorate

## Because Of Health

AUGUSTA, Ga. (BP) — R. J. (Jack) Robinson, suffering from a bleeding ulcer which will not heal, has resigned his 21-year pastorate at First Baptist Church here under doctor's orders to relieve himself of the responsibility of a pastorate.

The congregation, in accepting his resignation, voted to continue his salary until December 31.

Robinson, who preached the convention sermon at the 1974 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas in June, was recently named chairman of a special 21-person committee requested by the SBC in Dallas to study the overall mission strategy for the SBC for the remainder of this century.

A former All-American basketball player at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Olympic performer, Robinson is immediate past president of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia and has been active in Southern Baptist and civic affairs.

He is president-elect of the alumni association of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., has served on the SBC Executive Committee and is former president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth.

## "Phileo" Of Morrison Heights To Present "The Namegiver"

"Phileo" of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton will present, The Namegivers by Bill O'Brien and Rob Sellers on September 8 at 7:30 p.m. during the evening worship service. "Phileo" shared this musical with several churches in Montana while on mission choir tour this summer.

There are men all over the world who have lost their names and identity. It is our task as Christians to give them a name and that name is Christ Jesus, our Lord. This mission is a one by one operation. This is the task of the Namegiver.

There are three primary characters. The Search is played by Julie Turner; the Journeyman, Judy Purser; and the Skeptic, Cheryl Joyce. "Phileo" is directed by Bill Barnes, minister of music. The pastor of Morrison Heights Church is Rev. Charles Gentry.

## Resolution Pays Tribute To Life Of Mrs. Fred Bourne

Mrs. Fred (Zelda) Bourne of Jackson, Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, died recently. On August 20 her class, the Friendship Sunday School Class of Senior Adult I Department of First Church, adopted a resolution of appreciation for her "sterling worth as a Bible teacher and a servant of God on earth."

The resolution stated that "the quiet, consecrated and devoted life of our teacher has been of much aid and help to each of us as we have sought to work together in building the church and in carrying out the Lord's command to make disciples of all nations."

"In this world of noise and confusion, in this world of doubt and fear, the patient, unassuming, and lovable character of our friend and teacher was a steady influence and source of strength."

"Her teaching was always as a message from God superbly prepared and presented, with her teaching exemplified in her own life."

Mrs. Dorothy Switzer was chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Be not simply good; be good for something. — Thoreau

Age is a quality of mind.



Hitchcock

Rutledge

Adams

First Church, Tupelo, 7-9 p.m.

Conducting the conferences will be three experienced preschool workers:

Mrs. Ada Rutledge, Preschool Worker, Nashville, will be leading the study of Baby-Toddler-age preschoolers at church.

Mrs. Thurman Hitchcock, formerly director of Preschool and Childhood Education for Oklahoma Baptists, will be conducting the study of 2's and 3's at church.

Saxe Adams, Preschool Music Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be leading the discussion of the roles of 4's and 5's at church.

These conferences will provide helps in the following areas: teaching procedures, music for preschoolers, planning for preschoolers, using the curriculum, and understanding how preschoolers learn.

Yes, preschoolers do have a place at church—plan to attend the conference in your area of the state and learn about PRESCHOOLERS AT CHURCH.



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### "All Things Are Possible"

Again the time has come for the annual emphasis on state missions. Next week the WMU will observe its yearly season of prayer for state missions, and the special offering for this cause will be made by the WMU and others in the churches. Other church organizations in many churches will give some emphasis to the cause, and numerous preachers will preach concerning it, or make some reference to it. Serious consideration will be given by thousands of our people to the mission opportunities and needs within our own state.

On first thought, however, one might conclude that there are few mission needs and opportunities in Mississippi, and that we might well consider spending our money elsewhere. If any state in the nation has had a Christian witness as far as the establishment of churches is concerned, surely it is Mississippi. There are almost nineteen hundred Baptist churches cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Convention located within the state. They are located in every town and city, and in almost every rural community. At the same time there are hundreds of other churches in the state, also seeking to give a Christian witness. Yet there is need!

Hundreds of thousands of people

within the state, have not been reached with the gospel of Christ.

Tens of thousands of children, and young people and adults too, are not in Sunday school, or otherwise under influence of the gospel.

There are rapidly developing communities, where new churches are needed.

There are planned communities, not yet developed, where churches will be needed soon, and where plans for their establishment must be made now. Mississippi Baptists are looking ahead in such situations, and are seeking to secure property while it is available.

Recently we heard Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the convention board, discuss the anticipated population growth in the Gulf Coast, the Memphis area, and in a few other places in the state. He told of what Mississippi Baptists are doing to try to be ready for this growth. It was a thrilling and exciting story. State missions is an integral part of such planning.

There are numerous other state mission needs. Language groups, churches in declining areas, and changing programs for all churches, are part of the state mission task.

There is a tremendous student ministry.

Evangelism, Bible teaching, membership training, stewardship, music min-

istries, and other programs all call for strengthened support.

This is state missions.

The WMU is leading the way in helping us to see that "All things are possible..." in the state mission task. The words are from Jesus himself, and the total statement is "All things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23).

It is possible for Mississippi Baptists to reach more of the lost people within our borders.

It is possible to build more churches as growth comes in various areas.

It is possible to give strength to those churches which are struggling with serious problems.

It is possible to minister to the minority groups God has placed in our midst.

It is possible to provide programs for enlargement and outreach in all the churches.

It is possible to provide a means of the special ministries needed by so many special groups.

The power is with the Lord. The people He wants to use are His churches.

God can do mighty things through Baptists in Mississippi now.

"All things are possible" in the state mission program, if we simply place ourselves in His hands.

## NEW BOOKS

**NELSON'S PATRIOTIC SCRAPBOOK** by Clinton T. Howell, compiler and editor (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 128 large pp., paper, \$2.95) The subtitle is "An Inspiring Collection of Writings about the Glory and Greatness of America" and the book is just that. Here are collected hundreds of items, prose, poetry, quotations, and photographs. They appear just as if they were cut out of many sources and pasted up in a scrapbook. They tell the story of America from the Colonial time to the present, and even look to the 200th Anniversary of 1976.

**THE PURPLE PIG AND OTHER MIRACLES** by Dick Eastman (Whitaker House, paper, 294 pp., \$1.45) Mr. Eastman is director of the International Prayer Corps in Sacramento, California, and the originator of a youth program called PEP (Prayer and Evangelism Partners) now used by other five thousand churches in several denominations. In this book, he describes miraculous experiences that he and others have witnessed in answer to prayer.

**HELP THOU MY UNBELIEF** by Manfred George Gutzke (Thomas Nelson, \$5.95, 124 pp.) This book deals with the power of the Holy Scriptures to handle the dark shadows of doubt and unbelief. It is a tremendous testimony to what God can and does do through His Word. Written in clear, warm-hearted language, it is the work of a Bible scholar who was born in Canada. One of the most valuable chapters is the last one, "How to Read the Bible," giving intricate instructions for a plan of Bible study.

**IF YOU SEE LENNIE** by Char Potterbaum (Whitaker House, paper, 256 pp., \$1.45) This writer claims that once she was so full of tranquilizers and pills that her husband claimed she rattled when she turned over in bed. But this mother of six has exchanged her depression for joy. Writing with homespun humor and with happiness and spiritual wisdom, she tells the story of the change that came about in her life. Like a friendly chat across a cup of coffee, are her letters to Lennie, a former neighbor.

**FAITH FOR THE TIMES** by Alan Redpath (Revell, 160 pp., \$3.95) Part I of a series of sermons on the last section of the prophecy of Isaiah chapters forty to sixty-six. The subtitle is "The Promise of Deliverance." These are heartwarming sermons preached in the great Moody Church in Chicago. They cover texts found in Isaiah 40 through 48.

**THE OLD ME AND A NEW** by James B. Ashbrook (Judson Press, paper, 128 pp., \$2.50) A professor of Psychology and Theology at Colgate Rochester Seminary, writes an interesting book on the question of personal identity. Who am I? Why am I here? What is the key to the life? The book shows that there are several selves within us and helps us to find the one God wants us to be.

**SATAN IN THE SANCTUARY** by Thomas S. McCall and Zola Levitt (Moody, 120 pp., \$1.95) Will a new temple be built in Jerusalem? This book says that there will be two — one the Tribulation Temple and finally the Temple of the Millennial Age built by the Lord himself. A careful study of the temple and its part in Israel history, both past and future.

**BUILDING AND BATTLING, AND OTHER SERMONS** by Curtis Hutson (Sword of the Lord, 186 pp., \$3.00) The author is pastor of the Forest Hills Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., one of the large Baptist churches in the Atlanta area. Here is a selection of twelve sermons preached by this dynamic, soul-winning pastor. Some of them are to the Christians, and some are to the lost. They are biblical in content and rich in personal illustration.

**RUN AND NOT BE WEARY** by Dwight L. Carlson, MD (Revell, 220 pp., \$5.95) Subtitle is "The Christian Answer to Fatigue." A Christian physician discusses tired Christians and their problems. He shows the causes both physical, psychological, and spiritual, and shows the results of internal conflict as one of the great causes of fatigue. These include Sin and Guilt, Bitterness, Resentment, Past and Future, Finances and Positions, the Home, Marriage, and numerous others. Finally he shows the answer, revealing the eternal source of help. The last chapter provides a personal inventory to help a person evaluate his own situation as he seeks to find his problems and the answers.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO HOMILETICS** by Donald E. Demaray (Baker, 156 pp., \$4.95) The author who is a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., discusses the preacher, his sermon, and his preaching. Here are practical pages written for the average preacher. Here are most helpful suggestions which should call the preacher to his knees, then to his Bible, and finally to his pulpit.

**NEW MEN IN CHRIST — STUDIES IN EPHESIANS** by Herschel H. Hobbs (Word, 127 pp., \$4.95) Dr. Herschel Hobbs is one of the most widely known preachers among Southern Baptists and one of their most prolific writers. Dr. Hobbs believes that the message of Ephesians is one of overriding importance for our times. It reveals the

place of the church in God's eternal redemptive purpose. He discusses the book, chapter by chapter and verse by verse, and with his thorough knowledge of the original language, brings out the rich truths of each word and phrase. This is a commentary which will help the average Bible student understand the meaning of this book and the preacher to prepare for the preaching of its glorious message.

**JOHN NEWTON** by Dr. William Deal (Good News Publishers, paper, 95 cents, 80 pp.) A One Evening condensed version of the life of John Newton — writer of the song, "Amazing Grace." On his tombstone are the words, "Clerk, Once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was by the rich mercy of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith which he had long labored to destroy." Out of life's deepest experiences was born the well-loved song, "Amazing Grace."

**A SONG ABOUT FOREVER THINGS** by Jessie Merle Franklin (Broadman, 128 pp., \$1.50) The author is a poet, but also a writer of beautiful moving prose. In this book she combines them to talk about eternal letters, such as love, home, fathers, mothers, friends, talents, and many other subjects. These are warm heart stirring chapters which through prose and poetry speak to the soul, will be meaningful for devotional reading, preparation of devotional messages, etc.

## A letter from home

### Chin up!

During the early days of World War II, close friends were imprisoned by the Japanese in Singapore. One of the men, whose name was Jim, was placed in solitary confinement. His friend John desperately wanted to see him. But there was no way.

That is, there was no way until John hit on an ingenious plan. He started, in a rather amateurish way, to cut the hair of fellow prisoners. In fact, he grew so skillful that the Japanese appointed him as barber for those in solitary.

This is exactly what John wanted, a chance to see Jim. So once a month he visited Jim in solitary, and cut his hair. But there was a catch. He could take nothing to the men in solitary. And he could say nothing to them of a personal nature.

However, he did get by with saying "Now Jim, keep your chin up... keep your chin up... chin up now... chin up!" The guards, thinking these words had something to do with barbering, let him alone.

In the everyday world in which you and I live, we don't have to slip around to find ways to tell our friends to "Chin up!" We enjoy all kinds of opportunities to speak a good word in season.

Anyone can speak a bad word, a low word, a mean word, a depressing word. But it takes a little extra spirit in a man to smile and say, "Chin up!" Except you don't have to be a barber to talk that way.

Jesus was a great encourager of those he met. He didn't go around saying "Chin up!" But he frequently said something that meant the same thing. "Cheer up!" is the way he expressed it. One example is in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The Christian faith looks up and out. But never down and out. Our chins may quiver, but they're always up!

Bob Hastings

R.J. Hastings is editor of The Illinois Baptist in Springfield



## Long Before Recognition Movements Started

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Asks Prayer For Graham Campaign In Rio

Dear Dr. Odle:

I should like to make a request in the Record to our people who pray to remember the Billy Graham campaign in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Great plans are being laid. Billy Graham's campaign begins there the first week in October. Please pray now on for it.

Rosalee Mills Appleby  
Canton, MS.  
(Retired missionary,  
to Brazil)

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**THE IGNORANT ADDICT** — "Today's young people presumably know a lot about drugs. In fact, they know a lot less about what they swallow than the older generation does, warns the drug education foundation Do It Now, headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. The adult pill popper may not realize that he and his fellow barbiturate addicts outnumber heroin users, but he can at least 'trust the licensed pharmaceutical companies' to label his sleeping pills and tranquilizers correctly. By contrast, street dealers misrepresent their wares 50 to 75% of the time. Do It Now conducted a street-drug analysis program with the University of Southern California Medical Center. Out of 870 illicit drug samples the USC lab examined in 1972, some 67% were other than what the dealer had said they were. In particular, chemical hallucinogens like LSD, mescaline and psilocybin frequently turned out to be an animal tranquilizer called PCP, often in combination with LSD. PCP may not even be safe for animals, let alone humans." — Intellectual Digest, June, 1974

**FARM WORKERS** — America's 2.6 million farm workers are the lowest paid income group in the country. Many of them are migrants. . . . If you were a farm worker . . . you would be paid around \$1,500 a year. If everybody in your family worked, you might make \$2,700. Your life expectancy would be 49. Your children would be more than twice as likely to die at birth; and your wife in giving birth. Your family's chance of catching influenza, pneumonia, tuberculosis or some other infectious disease would be three times the national average. You would probably never have reached the 8th grade. You'd be lucky to have two rooms in which to lodge your family. You might have some electricity, but probably no toilet, sink, bathtub or shower." — Christopher News Notes, No. 207, June-July, 1974

**THE BABY BOOM IS OVER** — "The population explosion in the United States has come to an end. Between 1970 and 1973 it plummeted by a shocking 33%. Last year only 3.1 million babies were born in this country, the lowest figure since World War II. . . . According to the U. S. Bureau of the Census, 'The implication of this is that if the 1973 rate of childbearing held steady, couples would be having children at the rate of 1.9 per couple or below the replacement rate.' . . . If the changing pattern of births continues in this country at the present downward rate, the U.S. will reach zero population growth before this century is out." — Parade, August 18, 1974

**MEDICAL CARE FOR THE NON-WHITE POOR** — "Death comes much earlier to the poor. . . . Life expectancy for non-white people in this country is seven years less than for whites; illness is twice as frequent among families classified as poor; . . . visits to doctors and dentists are less frequent among the poor despite their obvious need for medical care. . . . Fewer than nine million poor people in this country are able to take advantage of Medicare, leaving 35 million unable to afford any kind of medical aid. . . . While there are least 42,500 white medical students . . . there are presently only 5,200 black medical students. . . . There are only 8,000 . . . practicing black physicians . . . compared to 300,000 white doctors in the United States. This means that there is one white doctor for every 750 citizens compared to one black doctor for every 5,200 citizens. If every black



A Woman's World Reaches Far

#### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Some guy became famous for saying, "You can't go home again." Famous as he was, I can't pull his name out of my memory. Anyway, someone said it.

Lots of places have been home to me. The hardest part of being a pastor's wife to me was the concept in that statement—moving out and having to leave friends I loved. Friends I had to leave for the new pastor's wife. When we began planning to move into evangelism and Aberdeen folks asked why we wouldn't live in Aberdeen, I said, "Because, so far as the church is concerned, it would be sort of like it would be if James and I divorced and I tried to live with him and his new wife. I would be too jealous of the church's love for the new pastor's wife. I'd want you to keep on loving me the best."

One of my first homes as a preacher's wife was a tiny pastorium close enough to Ten Mile Creek that we took our visitors swimming in it, boasting perhaps the coldest swimming pool in Mississippi. The church was New Hope in Marion County, twelve miles from Columbia, and what those folks did was to take me as a green little town girl, spoil me to death and make me think every other church in our future would treat me like a queen, too. They weren't far from the truth — I had some first class, red carpet, royal treatment at the hands of people in all our churches. But it was at New Hope that I first learned valuable lessons about human relationships. A few of the lessons I was sorry to learn, but most of them were sweet, kind, touching lessons, with teachers I've never forgotten.

It was a home for us, and James did go home there again. He preached a revival for them two or three years ago and was asked back for revival for this summer. You know what those sweet folks did last week? When they found out we had an empty freezer, some of them got on the phone and spread the word. When James came home at midnight on Friday, he brought enough already prepared, already frozen food to fill completely that 20 cubic foot freezer—food of every variety and kind, literally everything from soup to nuts.

Those people were at it again, teaching me another lesson—this time one about how long love can last.

The thought that comes to my mind is, Maybe you should get up and check your pastor's family's freezer. You can put a lot of warm love into a cold bag of frozen peas or a package of round steak.

doctor received only black patients, each would have to treat approximately 2,500 patients. If the patient, black or white, happens to live somewhere in rural America, he or she may not be able to see a doctor at all, for there are 164 counties totally without resident doctors." — Race Relations Reporter, April 29, 1974

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# Capital Punishment: Is It Ever Right To Destroy Human Life?

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Human life, imaging God himself, is sacred. That is to say, it has great importance and value — second only to God's. Is it ever right to destroy human life? This disturbing question may be asked in several ways: hypothetically, as a problem in philosophical or ethical theory, as part of possible legitimate government functions. Or as part of life itself: in a personal confrontation; in the heat and emotion of struggle, lust, or greed; in a naked thrust for power. The circumstances under which the question shapes itself color the answer.

The context here is that of biblical perspective. The Bible is not a supply of proof-texts from which we select building-blocks to construct a pet theory we already have. Rather, in it we find the thrust and purpose of God himself, what he intends for man. That intention is always redemptive. It also is realistic in starting with man where he is and is going with him from that point toward the ultimate goal. The goal is the complete harmony of man's actions and motives with God's will. All the rules given along the way are gracious and merciful illuminations of God's will and ultimate goal. In this searching light the Christian asks, "Is it ever right to destroy a human life?"

That question, as already experienced, can be directed toward abortion. It will be directed toward euthanasia. Here it will be directed toward the death penalty or capital punishment.

None could deny that the death penalty is found in the societal and cultural structure of the Old Testament. However, the fact of its being there gives rise to certain questions. Why was it there? What purpose did it serve? How did it function? Did it assume increasing importance, or did it tend to fade out of the picture? Baptists believe in what is called progressive revelation. God progressively reveals both himself to man and his will for man. In the light of God's progressive revelation, questions like the above may sincerely, reverently, and legitimately be asked.

It can surely be said, even theoretically, that if there were no sin, there would never have been a death penalty. Whether wrongdoing be named sin or crime, it is the terrible fact that called into being death as a penalty. "Whoso sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Genesis 9:6) is an expression of this penalty. This phrase from Scripture, quoting God himself, settles the question of whether death as a penalty might ever be applied. The answer to that question is, Yes, it might. Some would take that answer as once for all settling questions concerning the death penalty. It may not be so taken. Other questions need asking, and answering, from the biblical perspective. The verse quoted is not a commandment. It is rather a commentary, and a sad one. It is a permission, and not a happy one. It is given in the light of the fact of sin.

The commandment about taking life is, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17). This represents God's purpose, intention, and rule for life. Jesus reinforces and internalizes this expression of God's will. "You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment. But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment" (Matthew 5:21-22). God's will and purpose is life, not death.

Death as a penalty could be applied in the Old Testament for varied reasons; many of which seem trivial or even repugnant today. Death could be the result of striking one's father or mother (Exodus 21:17), committing adultery (Leviticus 20:10), practicing witchcraft (Exodus 22:18) — to name only a few! The possible execution of the penalty in such cases must be set in context. Those who would always and forever call for the retention of death as a penalty on the basis of the Old Testament must either (1) also include these and other acts as capital crimes or (2) justify on extra-biblical grounds their exclusion. The burden of proof is upon those who would retain the death penalty on biblical grounds.

However, those Christians who would question the wisdom or purpose of the death penalty today must also bring their reasons on biblical grounds. It will not do to claim to take the Bible seriously and then carefully, even surreptitiously, shift attention away from Scripture. The Bible is to be taken most seriously — all of it. Therefore its entire thrust and purpose must be kept in mind: the positive commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," as well as the recognition of the fact of killing with death the conse-

quence.

Three basic and inextricably related concepts in the Bible are love, justice, and peace. These form both the ultimate goal and the working principle in God's dealing with man, and consequently for the Christian they are to be the pattern and the goal in his dealing with fellow man. Christians are not free to choose which of the three they shall apply. All three are to be applied in all cases to the maximum extent possible. This was also true in Old Testament times. Sometimes then they were more the subject of the dreams of the prophets than they were the stuff of life. BUT THEY WERE THERE! Jesus cited love to God and man as the twin pillars on which all the law and prophets were supported (Matthew 22:37), and the commandment to love fellow man was from the context of justice among men (Leviticus 19:18). God's peace (shalom), the dream of the Old Testament prophets, would be the outworking of love and justice together, as Jesus promised his disciples (John 14:27). What God wants and what will ultimately prevail is his peace in the context and support of love and justice.

The positive commandments in the Old Testament, all of them, supported and promoted love, justice, and peace. The negative commandments, and penalties, were to be applied upon the failure of man as he deliberately turned away from the positive commandments. A careful study of the Old Testament shows a carefully graded series of negative penalties that were to be applied upon failure to follow after the positive commandments.

The last resort was the penalty of death. The last resort, not the first nor

even near the first. As long as there were any other possible way, the penalty of death was to be avoided. All other recourses must be exhausted first. Application of the death penalty meant that all other systems had failed. This did not mean that the violator was to be treated lightly or absolved, nor that all guilt or blame was thrown onto the community. But it did mean that the violator was guilty, and that the community had also failed!

Here is God's own example. When the first murder was committed, God did not resort to the death penalty. When Hosea's wife was found guilty, death could have been the penalty. God showed Hosea that love, justice, and peace would exhaust all other recourses before admitting failure and allowing death. When the runaway slave, Onesimus, went back to his master, his death could have been the result under Roman law. Paul showed a better way (Philemon 16, I Cor. 12:31-14:1). Jesus showed a better way to a woman obviously guilty of a capital crime (John 8:1-11). Love, justice, and peace are least served by death as a penalty.

Finally, it must be said that the Christian, as an individual and as a responsible member of society, cannot rule out, from within a biblical perspective, the possibility of death as a penalty. However, in understanding the total thrust of Scripture, and in seeing how God himself works, the follower of the Way must honestly exhaust all other resources before even thinking about the death penalty. If it must finally be resorted to, not only as the violator failed as a responsible human being, but the community has also failed in its twin basic tasks of upholding the sanctity of human life

## New Film Tells World Hunger Story

Glendale, CA — Food for the Hungry, international relief agency headquartered here, announces the release of a new sound-color documentary motion picture telling the world famine story.

Titled "I Was Hungry," the 28-minute release features a dialogue-narration by Actress Tippi Hedren and Larry Ward, President of Food for the Hungry.

Producer Ron Plant explains: "The film highlights the present drought-famine crisis in Africa, but sets this in the overall context of the steadily worsening world hunger situation, and in the light of prophetic Scriptures. 'I Was Hungry' is a moving visualization of Dr. Ward's recent book, *And There Will Be Famines*. I have never worked with more gripping dramatic footage."

Tippi Hedren, star of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" and "Marnie," serves Food for the Hungry as volunteer International Relief Coordinator. Against the background of her relief work experience in Bangladesh, Nicaragua, Haiti and now Africa, she states: "I'm particularly glad that 'I Was Hungry' features the heroic work of missionaries and national Christians in meeting human need. This is one of the brightest and most meaningful aspects of voluntarism, anywhere in the world."

Available on a free-will offering basis, "I Was Hungry" can be scheduled beginning September 1.

# 'VBS Continues To Be One Of The Best Means Of Telling The Good News'

(NOTE: As a rule, the Baptist Record does not print stories and pictures of Vacation Bible Schools, since the schools are numerous and the paper's space is limited. However, the material on this page is a compilation of stories of unusual happenings in Bible schools this year. These stories are representative of exciting happenings in many Bible schools. The Record does not plan to use other similar material in the immediate future.)

## VBS In Mississippi

Last year in Mississippi, the Sunday School Department, MBCB, received reports of 1441 Vacation Bible Schools enrolling 141,629 pupils. In these Mississippi Bible schools, 1,529 made public professions of faith.

"Vacation Bible School continues to be one of the best means of telling the Good News," says Billy Hudgens, associate in charge of Vacation Bible School Work, Sunday School Department,

## MBCB

The report of the number of Vacation Bible Schools for this year is not complete. "With many churches still not reporting," continues Mr. Hudgens, "we have already received fourteen mission VBS reports."

"We had never had Vacation Bible School in our church until this year and we enrolled thirty boys and girls," says Mrs. John Spores who served as the first director of Vacation Bible School at Antioch Church in Holmes Association.

"Broadmoor Church in Hinds Association had the highest enrollment in the history of Mississippi Baptists," states the minister of education, Bob McKee. The enrollment this year, 1112, is an increase of 85 over last year. The church has averaged 890 for the past five years.

"Our church had a higher average attendance this year than our enrollment was last year" is the enthusiastic word of the pastor, L. C. Lord. His church (Fellowship in Smith County) averaged 89 this year in attendance and last year enrolled 86—this year's enrollment is 107.

Brenda Pittman, Pearlhaven Church in Lincoln Association, reports "the first Vacation Bible School in six years. We enrolled 64."

"Backyard Bible Clubs are an excellent way to reach boys and girls with the story of Jesus. We also found a large number of prospects for our Sunday School. We enrolled 180 boys and girls in six Backyard Bible Clubs," states Larry Salter, minister of education, First Church, Brandon.

## VBS, SBC

Homer Lamar Grice, who died earlier this year, began active promotion of Vacation Bible Schools as an employee of the Sunday School Board in 1924. Under his perceptive and dynamic guidance, this effort grew into a significant and powerful movement, enrolling 2,289,914 individuals in 1963, the year of his retirement, and 3,239,973 in 1973, the year before his death.

## 61 Professions Of Faith

First, Gulfport, this year had the largest VBS in the history of their church. They enrolled 985 with an average attendance of 677. There were 61 professions of faith recorded during the school. This has marked the third year of continual growth there in VBS. Dr. John Traylor is pastor. Randall Perry, associate pastor, was principal of the school.

## 15 Times In 15 Years

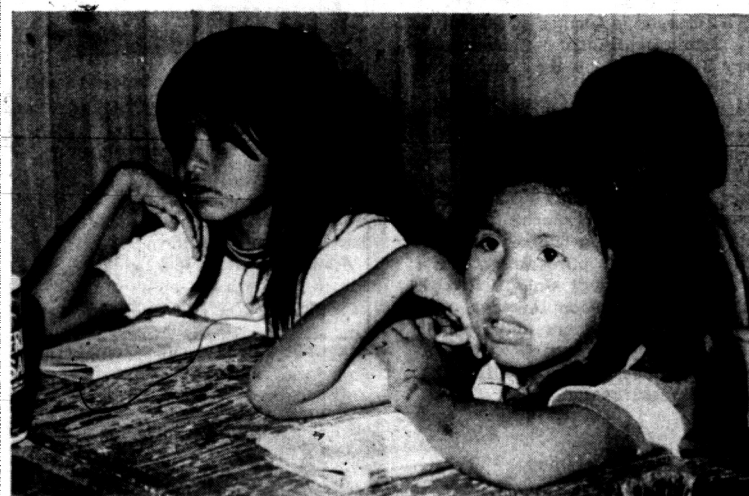
Kenneth Lence II, age 15, received his 15th Vacation Bible School Certificate at Palmer Church near Ripley on Sunday night, June 15. Rev. Bruce Capleman is his pastor. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lence, he has not missed a VBS since his grandmother took him in his first year.



## First Bible School At New Mission

A new mission north of Laurel held its first Vacation Bible School the last of June. This new mission held its first Sunday service on April 21 and just nine weeks later enrolled 102 in VBS with 87 average attendance. Workers for this school came from the mission and five churches in Jones County: First, Sharon; Sec-

ond Avenue; Highland; West Laurel; and Pleasant house on Houston Road purchased by Jones County Association. The mission is being sponsored jointly by the association and three neighboring churches, Highland, Second Avenue, and First, Sharon. Rev. Maurice Flowers, Jones Supt. of Missions, interim pastor of the mission.



## Three Young Choctaws Become Christians

This is the third summer young people and adult workers of Trinity, Laurel have conducted Vacation Bible School for Choctaw Indian children at Bogue Home Church, near Sandersville. The enrollment for the week was 38 (higher than any previous summer), and three older youth accepted Christ as Saviour.



## Youth Conduct VBS In Mountains

The youth of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, conducted three Vacation Bible Schools and one revival in Harlan County, Kentucky this summer. "Tell It Like It Is" was the musical to spearhead the mission trip which resulted in 21 conversions. The group above is at Bailey's Creek in Harlan County. Dr. James McLemore is the 38th Avenue pastor; Jimmy McCaleb is minister of music and youth.



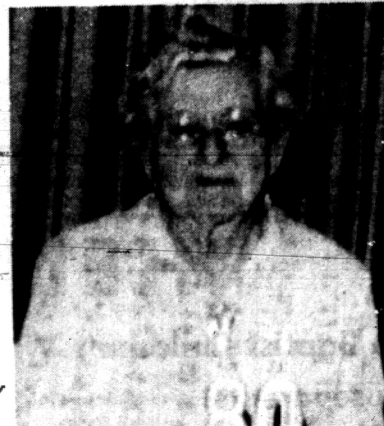
## 10th Year, Despite Loss Of Leg

Mrs. Emma Barrett of Golden worked in the Vacation Bible School at Golden Central Church, this summer for the tenth consecutive year. She helped with refreshments again this time, in spite of an illness that resulted in the amputation of one of her legs on February 20, 1974. She stated, "I thank God I was able to help again this year!" Central enrolled 109 with average attendance of 96, and the school attained a merit achievement. Rev. W. L. Oaks is pastor; Mrs. Carlos Ginn was VBS director.



## Enrollment Increases By 100

First Church, Okolona, set a new record for Vacation Bible School attendance this year, when 299 were enrolled with a daily average of 250. This amounted to an increase of about 100 over recent years. Several factors contributed to the increase: the school was held in the evening from 6 until 9; an adult department was added with over 20 enrolled; more effort was put forth in outreach, using the church bus. There were 12 professions of faith. Rev. Roy McHenry is pastor.



## Celebrates 80th Birthday At VBS

This year, for the first time, Bunker Hill Church, Marion County, included

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Six children, at left, enrolled in the Backyard Bible Club at Hux Church near Gloster, right.



## Association Sponsors Backyard Club

Mississippi Baptist Association sponsored a Backyard Bible Club in Hux community at the invitation of the pastor of Hux Church, Rev. Ed Causey. Six children were enrolled, the program was financed by boys and girls in the association through their VBS mission offerings.

The value of this program was seen in the answer given to the leaders' question asked toward the end of the week. The children were asked where they went to Sunday School. Their reply was they had never heard of Sunday School. They did not know what the leaders were talking about. This backyard Bible Club is on schedule again for next summer.

Directing the Club were Dian Carruth and Mrs. Glenda Womack, both members of Mars Hill Church. The associational VBS director is Rev. Al Homer, pastor at Gillsburg.

## Bible School In Other Lands

It's Vacation Bible School time in Ajloun, Jordan, with a record 345 students attending the Baptist Church's Bible school. Mrs. L. August Lovegren, press representative in Jordan and a Southern Baptist missionary, reported that of the faculty of 21 persons, 95 percent were young people from the church.



# SCRAPBOOK

## The Awareness Of God

I see God's hand  
As waves come into shore.  
I see his hand  
As fearful breakers roar.  
I feel his touch  
In every salty spray  
And on a windy day . . . his  
strength I  
see.

I see God's hand  
In cloud and stars so rare.  
I see his hand  
In every flower fair.  
I hear his voice  
In earth and sky and sea . . . and  
through eternity,  
I hear him voice  
His love for me.

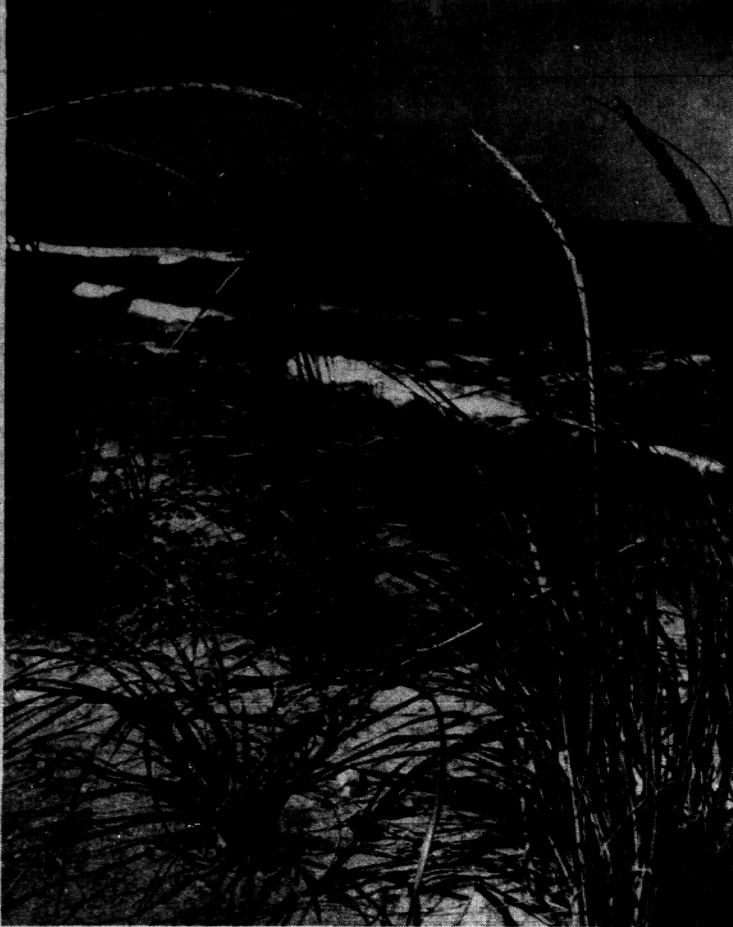
—Mary Allred

## Hope

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without the  
words  
And never stops at all,  
And sweetest in the gale is  
heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land  
And on the strangest sea,  
Yet never in extremity  
It asked a crumb of me.

—Emily Dickinson  
(1830-1896)



The sea hath no king but God alone.—D. G. Rossetti (RNS Photo)

## Our Heavenly Father Makes The Impossible Possible

In bondage they were kept and God promised to free  
His children from the hand of Egypt's drudgery.

Their labors were increased, their harsh treatment, too;  
The harder they all worked, the more they had to do.

Their afflictions were seen by God—he heard their every moan;  
He had not forgotten them, or left them there alone.

Then God on Moses called to bring his children out  
But Pharaoh was stubborn—of this there was no doubt.

When Moses said for God: "You let my people go!"  
The Pharaoh's heart grew hard; he strongly shouted, "No!"

Then after many plagues they were allowed to leave;  
They packed and started on their way, their freedom to achieve.

They were followed by God, each step along the way,  
Guided with fire by night, and with a cloud by day.

The Egyptians pursued as they neared the Red Sea,  
The Hebrews were sore afraid—there was no place to flee.

With the Red Sea in front, and mountains on each side,  
With Pharaoh's army close behind, to Moses they complained and cried

"Why have you thus dealt with us? Must we in this wilderness die?  
You've led us to our doom, and now we ask you, 'Why?'"

And Moses said to them: "Fear not! This day you'll see  
The salvation of God! Stand still! We'll soon be free!"

"The Egyptians you fear, you shall see them no more—  
The Lord will fight for you—He goeth on before."

The cloud between them made for Egypt's side dark night,  
And for Israel's camp, it gave to them their bright light.

Then over the Red Sea Moses stretched his hand,  
And a wind from the east made the sea dry land.

The waters were divided there, and made on either side a wall,  
Then Israel went through the sea as down a big wide hall.

The Egyptians followed in haste, and Moses stretched his hand—  
The waters then returned and covered all the land.

The Egyptians were drowned on the bottom of the sea  
And not a single one escaped, as God had said, and did foresee.

Then Israel was filled with joy by this great miracle of God:  
He led them through the sea all safe and all dry-shod.

"The Lord! Our salvation! He is mighty and strong!  
In mercy hath redeemed . . ." This was their joyful song.

There are many Pharaohs today, high mountains and rough seas;  
They all seem so impossible—but God hears all our pleas.

He led his people safely then, he'll lead us in our day  
Through this wilderness world, each step along the way.

Thank Him for His mercies and join in Israel's glad song!  
Praise Him each morning and at noon and all day long!

—Victoria Singley

## Over The Sea To Skye

Sing me a song of a lad that is gone,  
Say, could that lad be I?  
Merry of soul he sailed on a day  
Over the sea to Skye.

Give me again all that was there,  
Give me the sun that shone!  
Give me the eyes, give me the soul,  
Give me the lad that's gone!

Billow and breeze, islands and seas,  
Mountains of rain and sun,  
All that was good, all that was fair,  
All that was me is gone

—Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

## The Big Grey-Headed One

God was always  
the big grey-headed and bearded One  
sitting on the golden throne  
with a scepter and jeweled crown,  
clothed in a flowing milk-white robe  
surrounded by a jillion angels  
who watched His children play.

Until my grandfather died—  
they reminded me of each other—  
Now I bet they go fishing a lot together.

—Mark Leggett

## Grandma Says

When the folks next to you act like  
those in the zoo.  
A grumblin', growlin', and spittin',  
It's a pretty good plan  
To be calm as you can,  
And do somethin' useful . . . like  
knittin'.

When a gossipin' Susan, with poison-  
barbed tongues,  
Comes into the room where you're  
sittin'  
And starts to defame  
Some neighbor's good name,  
Count stitches out loud . . . and keep  
knittin'.

When there's been a slight misunder-  
standing at church  
And others hint broadly of quittin',  
Why, the very best thing  
you can do is to sing  
And stay at your post . . . and keep  
knittin'!

When Satan moves in with his cohort  
of sin,  
Say, "You'll never find me submit-  
tin'"  
You irk me, I find'  
So get thee behind  
And Please don't disturb me . . . I'm  
knittin'.

In the middle of problems, the big  
ones and small,  
It's always most proper and fittin'  
To trust and to pray  
Till the Lord shows the way . . .  
And go right ahead with your knittin'.

—Copied

## Off The Record

First newlywed: "I always feel bet-  
ter after a real good cry." Second  
newlywed: "It gets things out of your  
system, eh?" First newlywed: "No,  
it gets things out of my husband."

Grandpa proudly announced to his  
family that he was going to get mar-  
ried again. "I've been a widower long  
enough," he said. "I've picked me  
out another wife." "Who are you go-  
ing to marry?" asked his brother.  
"Luke McCoy's daughter." "But she's  
only 18," protested the brother.  
"Imagine a man you age — 88 —  
marring a girl only 18 years old!"  
"What's wrong with that?" inquired  
the old man. "That's exactly the same  
age my first wife was when I mar-  
ried her and you didn't say anything."

The teacher asked his class for the  
formula for water, and Richard was  
the first to answer. "H<sub>2</sub>O," he  
said.

"Is that your answer?" queried the  
teacher. "It's not the formula I gave  
you."  
"You told us H to O."

## Alabama Church To Hear Cooper On 50th Anniversary

Highland Church, Florence, Ala-  
bama will observe its fiftieth anniver-  
sary the week of October 6-13. Dr.  
Owen Cooper of Yazoo City will  
speak to the Baptist Men and in the  
morning worship service on October  
6. (Dr. Cooper is former president of  
the Southern Baptist Convention.)  
Larry Taylor will be the evangelist  
for the week.

Former pastors Hacker and Kel-  
ly will speak to the adults during the  
Sunday School hour on October 13,  
which will be Celebration Day. Tom  
Lester, better known as Eb of  
"Green Acres," will speak to the  
youth during Sunday School hour and  
to the church at 2 p.m. Mrs. Ann  
Criswell Jackson will sing in both  
morning and afternoon services.

"All former members and friends  
are urged to be present for Celebra-  
tion Day, October 13," says Rev. O.  
Wyndell Jones, pastor.

## Cuban Baptists Visit BWA Offices

WASHINGTON (BP) — Four repre-  
sentatives from the two Baptist con-  
ventions in Cuba, visiting offices of  
the Baptist World Alliance here, re-  
ported on continued Baptist activity  
in Cuba despite that island country's  
political isolation from much of the  
western world.

About 15,000 Baptists live on the is-  
land. The Baptist Convention of West-  
ern Cuba, which once was a mission  
of the Southern Baptist Convention,  
largely evangelical - Protestant de-  
nomination in the U.S., has 7,500  
baptized members, and the Baptist  
Convention of Eastern Cuba, formerly  
affiliated with the American Baptist  
Churches USA, has 7,244.

These figures reflect a net loss of  
about 3,000 members in the last 10  
years, but this is said to be due to  
emigration from the island. New con-  
versions have offset much of the los-  
ses.

The visitors were Manuel Salom  
Estopora and Humberto Dominguez  
Castillo, both of Havana, of the Ba-  
ptist Convention of Western Cuba; and  
Samuel Entenza R. of Guantanamo  
and Rafael Gregorich of Camaguey,  
representing the Baptist Convention  
of Eastern Cuba.

The four men were guests of the  
BWA at a luncheon attended also by  
representatives from both eastern and  
western Europe and the Alliance  
staff, according to BWA President V.  
Carney Hargrove and BWA general  
secretary, Robert S. Denny.

Denny said it was the first time  
any Cuban representatives have par-  
ticipated in BWA discussions in the  
United States in many years, and he

## Sept. 8 Homecoming At New Prospect

Homecoming will be observed at  
New Prospect Church, Lincoln Associa-  
tion, on September 8. Rev. James  
Alford Case will be guest speaker for  
the 11 a.m. service.

Dinner on the grounds will be fol-  
lowed by an afternoon service begin-  
ning at 1:30. Rev. Jerry Smith, music  
director at New Prospect, has planned  
a special music program for the after-  
noon.

Rev. James Watts, pastor, and  
members extend an invitation to  
former members and others who wish  
to attend.

## How Impolite We Are To God

By Violet Tackett

You said, "Open the door, Lord, I'm coming in.  
I promise nevermore to sin."  
Then you did; and left Him standing there,  
Waiting in vain for a contrite prayer.

How impolite we are to God!  
The night your baby choked and gasped for breath,  
You cried, "My God, save her from death!"  
God spanned light-years to heed your call;  
You thanked the doctor, not the Lord at all.

How impolite we are to God!  
When burdens bowed you down, you prayed again,  
"O Lord, relieve me, if you can."  
He would have helped you where you stood;  
But you didn't believe He could or would.

How impolite we are to God!  
You went to church and read your Bible long;  
You worshipped God in reverent song,  
But when you mingled on the street with other men,  
You did not introduce Him to your friend.

How impolite we are to God!

—Vista

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planned at Glorieta Baptist Confer-  
ence Center here. The conferences  
will be conducted anytime between  
the Thanksgiving weekend and April  
15, 1975.

According to Larry Haslam, Glori-  
eta manager, participants select their  
own arrival and departure dates with-  
in the five - month span. However, due

to the Winter Youth Celebration, Ski  
Conferences will not be planned dur-  
ing Dec. 24-31.

"These conferences are unstructur-  
ed vacations of skiing and Bible stu-  
dy," adds Haslam. "The participants  
choose everything — arrival and de-  
parture times, lodging and the pack-  
age rate."

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Glorieta plus the total cost of skiing

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ginners and experts; rental of Elan  
skis, poles and boots.

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the Glorieta hotels. The package  
price includes all breakfasts and  
dinners. Since participants will be at  
the Ski Basin during the day, lunch  
will not be included. Hot lunches  
and snacks are available at the Ski  
Basin.

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be conducted featuring an outstanding  
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rates. However, rates for longer pe-  
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# God Chooses A People

By William J. Falls  
Genesis 12:1 to 17:27

Genesis is the book of beginnings, and its early chapters deal with great events and ideas: creation of the world and of mankind, man's rejection of God, problems of the first family, God's greatness and righteousness. But Genesis as a whole is primarily concerned with persons. As the human population increased and its wickedness grieved the Creator, the attention of Genesis was focused on one man, Noah, and his family. After the devastation of the flood and the confusion at Babel, another man appeared on the Genesis stage. Always the book stays specific rather than general, personal instead of philosophical. Most of Genesis is concerned with Abraham and his family because he accepted God's choosing.

## The Lesson Explained Accepting God's Challenge (12:1-3)

The closing verses of chapter 11 focus on Terah, one ancestor of Shem, son of Noah; thus, the writer picks one family. Terah took his family out of the city of Ur "to go to the land of Canaan," but they stopped at Haran and settled (11:31-32). No religious motivation appears in that move, but Abram's was different. Out of a background of moon worship (Ur and Haran) Abram heard God's call to leave his clan — his "father's house" — for an unknown country. In an era of strong family ties dominated by the patriarch, only the daring would leave home. Besides, there was the need of the city's protection and its familiar and comfortable pattern of life. But a higher call had come to Abram.

The Lord promised that if Abram would follow his leading to the unknown country, the Lord would bless him. Although Sarai seemed to be barren, God promised that Abram would father a nation. Having many sons would make him famous, and as they had families of their own, Abram's name would become great. In his turn, he would become a patriarch, like his father.

But God's promise included more: Abram would "be a blessing." The word is used five times in these three verses. God intended to bless him not for Abram's sake alone but that he might share his blessing with others. Becoming a great nation was only a means to an end; Abram and his descendants were to be the channel of God's will. Abram did not then know what God had in store, but he accepted the challenge.

## An Altar In A Far Country (12:7)

Because we are introduced to Abram rather abruptly, we do not know much about his religious experience. Haran was a center of moon worship, and probably other gods were also worshipped there. While Abram may have acknowledged other gods, Jehovah claimed his real loyalty, to such a degree that Abram was willing to leave even his father in order to obey Jehovah's call. When he reached Canaan after several weeks on the trail, Abraham was reassured by the Lord at Shechem. When God again promised Canaan as an inheritance for Abram's ancestors, the faithful traveler built an altar to the Lord. In a land of many gods and rank heathenism, Abram erected a symbol to his faith in the unseen God.

## God Offers His Covenant (17:1-8)

Twenty-four years after Abram left Haran, the Lord appeared to him again, this time to turn his promises into a covenant. He called himself El Shaddai, "the Almighty God," and said that if Abram would measure his conduct in God's presence and by his standard, God would achieve his will through Abram and his family. God took the initiative in making the cov-

## Olivet To Dedicate

## New Sanctuary

## On September 8

On May 5 Olivet Church, Gulfport, held groundbreaking service for a new 600-seat sanctuary. Now on Sept. 8 the church plans to dedicate the new sanctuary. The dedication date will begin a revival to go through Sept. 15. (See "Revival Dates.") Rev. John Brock, pastor of First, Gautier, will serve as speaker for the revival.

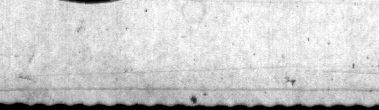
Judy Moore and Chester (her dummy) will be at Olivet for at least a part of the week. Miss Moore is a student at Clarke College and a native of Alaska. She uses her talent as ventriloquist for her Christian witness.

Olivet Church is located on Klein Road, in Gulfport. Rev. Floyd E. Hughes is pastor.

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enant; it was an offer of grace based on God's choice rather than Abram's merit.

To underscore the significance of his promise to Abram, God changed his name to Abraham — from "exalted father" to "father of a multitude." Even kings and nations would eventually come from his line — all of which seemed unthinkable in old age.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Not "Our Kind"

Acts 10

By Bill Duncan

A black speaker in fashionable Back Bay in Boston said: "Your ancestors came over in the Mayflower; mine came over in a slave ship. But we are all in the same boat now."

America has been known as the melting pot of the world. People of every nation of the world have come here seeking happiness, or work or maybe a bowl of food. When we go back and see how the nation has brought all these different kinds of people together, it's a miracle how we are able to work together.

Abraham Lincoln was once asked by a snobbish woman, proud of her social status: "Mr. Lincoln, what is your family's coat of arms?" He replied: "My coat of arms is a pair of rolled-up sleeves." This has been the spirit that has made our country. We are all from different backgrounds. But what difference does it make?

Most of the segregation I see in our states and country is not based upon race but economics. I hear a lot of "white people" say that they are not "our kind" because of the economic situation. It may be true that their standard of living is different. I see black people practicing segregation based upon economics.

As a Christian we have a right to choose our friends. What basis will we use? Many people become good friends with people who are not their kind at work, at school, at social events or at play. Friendship should recognize the differences we may have. I do not think God would like for us all to be one kind. This would be a sad world if everyone liked chocolate ice cream. Our differences can add strength to weaknesses. Variety can truly be the spice of life.

Some people have to learn this lesson the hard way. Peter was one of those. He had a hard time realizing that the gospel was to be preached the same way to Gentiles as Jesus. To Peter and many more Jews, Gentiles were not their "kind" of folks.

## CORNELIUS' VISION Acts 10:1 - 8

Cornelius was a Roman centurion that lived in Caesarea. Luke speaks very highly of Cornelius. Though a Gentile, he was a God-fearer like the Ethiopian eunuch, who was liberal with his money and was constant in prayer. As a God-fearer, he was a student of Judaism but not a proselyte; he was not circumcised. Cornelius made no secret of his religious devotion.

His vision was one of instruction and assurance. God knew his name and God knew what kind of person he was. Does God hear the prayer of the person who has not received Jesus? Communication was available. God's instruction concerning Simon Peter was complete and carried out. The men were to go and give the invitation to Peter to come and witness at Caesarea.

## PETER'S VISION

Through the activities of others and the growth of the movement of Christianity, Peter was forced to consider the Gentile issue. When the vision came to Peter, he got the message. The Lord presented a dream where he saw a sheet let down by four corners. On the sheet were all kinds of animals, reptiles and birds. A voice said, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat." Peter openly protested that he had never eaten anything "common or unclean."

Here was a lesson that Peter had failed to pass when presented by Jesus. In Mark 7:15 Jesus insisted that "there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him." From that statement of Jesus it was concluded that he had declared "all foods clean" (Mark 7:19). Yet Peter called the "untouchables" common.

Peter was told in the vision or dream to stop calling common what

But man's impossibles can be God's opportunities. In selecting Abraham as a channel for his purposes, God also selected a family, a clan, a nation. The covenant would provide a living relationship in which God could show his standards of righteousness and the scope of his compassion in his dealings with the Hebrews and in their witness to other people.

God had cleansed. The message was repeated three times before the sheet was taken away.

But still Peter did not understand the meaning. Jesus had eaten with sinners and publicans. He received the outcast and downtrodden. He had shown compassion for all men. Stephen had been stoned for his presentation of the Gospel for all men. Surely Philip had spread the story of his experience with the Ethiopian eunuch. It seems that this vision was the pressure of God upon him. Yet his progress was painful in accepting the Gentiles as "his kind" of folks.

Too long we have been like Peter in our action of unconcern or reluctance in speaking to those around us. **PETER AND CORNELIUS**

Some have pointed out that the eagerness of Cornelius to find Peter and bring him to Caesarea is contrasted with Peter's reluctance. For in the delay of getting ready to go to Caesarea, Peter rounded up defense witnesses to protect his reputation.

When Peter got to Cornelius' house the irregularity of that kind of meeting was explained. "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or visit any one of another nation" (Acts 10:28). But Peter showed why he had come — God had showed him that he should not call any man common or unclean. He has gotten the message and it was clear what God meant.

Peter started his message to the Gentiles, according to Frank Staggs, in his book *THE Book of Acts*, by saying, "I am catching on that God shows no partiality." The message began in the reason Jesus was sent by God with the spirit and power. The Crucifixion and Resurrection made it possible for man to enter into a new relationship with God. Sin had interrupted the friendship between man and God, but now the estrangement is gone.

As Peter was speaking the Holy Spirit came upon Cornelius and his friends. Barclay says, "they were lifted out of themselves in an ecstasy and began to speak with tongues. This was the proof that God had given His Spirit to the Gentiles too. At Pentecost the tongues were intelligible to those who responded to the Spirit. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is perhaps to be understood as the Gentile Pentecost." The major concern of Luke is to demonstrate that circumcision is not necessary to salvation.

God has provided salvation for all men by receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and saviour. As He looks upon all mankind he sees them as "his kind." God truly loves all "the little children of the world."

Too many people of our world are looked down upon by church members because they think they are "not their kind of folks." When individuals have accepted Jesus Christ, the barriers that hinder fellowship have been removed by God. We need to give a more positive response to the people outside the Christian fellowship. They will never be won to faith until we are willing to realize that we are all "in the same boat."

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# Bible School Of The Air In Rio Flooded With Letters From Listeners

David Gomes, director of the Bible School of the Air, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, reports that he receives dozens and dozens of letters in response to this radio program every week.

One of the most popular radio programs on the air in Brazil, the Bible School of the Air carries a Bible course in addition to other regular programs. It is heard all over Brazil, in many other countries of South America, and on Transworld Radio. It has been on the air for 25 years.

Many of the letters that are addressed to the Bible School of the Air ask for more information about Christianity or about the Bible, or ask for advice or counsel.

Since Mr. Gomes is not only director of the radio program, but also president of the Brazilian Bible Society and pastor of the Baptist Church of Hope in downtown Rio, he does not have the time he needs to answer these many letters. Neither does he have a staff to help with the correspondence.

Here are samples from his daily stack of mail:

From MANAUS, Brazil, a thousand miles up the Amazon: Dr. Friends: I heard with delight and happiness your night programs. They were truly Christian. One of these days I heard just such a program as I longed to listen to. Not since I have returned from Sao Paulo have I heard such a message of this class and quality. Of all the programs I hear in Spanish, English and German, your message on the SCHOOL OF THE AIR is first with me. I want to take later, your BIBLE Course. — T F S

From F. P. Rio de Janeiro: I am a listener to your marvelous program. I want to ask your prayers for our work. I know that the prayer of the just has great power. To your program we want to present this pioneer mission. I go to Pils Arcado (another mission). They are enthusiastic in their faith. Several of them are studying the Bible Course of the Bible School of the Air.

From OFJ. I live in a Home for Old People, and am Catholic. have sons, grandchildren. I had one older sister and she died suddenly. Your program tells me I can get spiritual

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help. I need it because I suffer much anguish and need your help. I hope I can visit your church there in Rio.

From RFS. Dear Brother: I have been a man rebellious against God. My wife gave birth to a child and the child died. Will you please tell if my baby was saved? I need to know. Thank you.

Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, of Canton, former missionary to Brazil, now retired, says that the Bible school "is a blessing in a Catholic country where the masses have no opportunity to know the gospel, and so few have Bibles. Until recently people were not allowed to read the Bible. Some priests now are favorable."

Broadcasting the Gospel with supplementation of written Bible courses, the Bible School of the Air is a faith organization.

A Council of twelve dedicated men helps in the administration during the year and a General Assembly annually approves financial reports and chooses one-third of the Council. Some of the Bible School's pre-

sent needs: staff members to help answer letters from listeners; better equipment to improve technical facilities; a full-time man to plan the use of the sanctuary of the Church of Hope, which is open all day every day for prayer; audio-visual aid facilities in the sanctuary of the Church of Hope.

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## Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Ray Therrell, pastor and wife, of Carson Church at Carson, announce the birth of a son, Billy Ray Therrell, II, on August 21, 1974. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Walker of Braxton. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Zelma Therrell of Harrisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond B. Moses Jr., missionaries to Rhodesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o C. O. Moran, Rte. 2, Box 489-C, Orlando, Fla. 32810). The former Mary Ann Pugh of Mississippi, she was born in Columbus and grew up near Brooksville.

Mark Blankenship, a native of Illinois, is a new editor of adult and youth music in the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Jlm Carroway, the "Singing Engineer," was pulpit guest at Calvary Meridian, on August 25, as both singer and preacher. W. Otis Seal is pastor.

Edythe Montroy, missionary emerita to Nigeria, spoke in both morning worship services Sunday, August 25, at First Church, Grenada. Dr. John Lee Taylor is pastor. Miss Montroy was also special guest speaker for the church's GA - Acteens Mother - Daughter Banquet on August 26.

For the second year in a row Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., will have a new man as head of the religious education department. He is Dr. James R. Jones, for the past eight years associate in the Department of Church Training and Administrative Services for the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Dr. James Ryan, who was with BBI last year, moved to Louisville, Ky., where he works with Boyce Bible School, a branch of Southern Seminary.

Former Clarke College students participating in youth revival recently at First Church, Fairfax, Alabama were Billy Duncan, Opelika, Ala., evangelist; Wayne Fair, Gordo, Ala., song leader; and Melita Ann Shoemaker, Clara, pianist. Billy is youth pastor at the church this summer. He and Melita will be students at Mobile College this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Lites, missionaries to Taiwan on furlough, may be addressed at Box 22000, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. 76122. In 1969, he was music director at First Church, Picayune.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Redmon, missionaries to Costa Rica, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1625 Easy St. Yazoo City, Miss. 39194).

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, missionaries to Peru on furlough, may be addressed at 3277 Crete, Memphis, Tenn. 38111. He is a native of Pontotoc County, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, missionaries to Taiwan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, Miss. 39204).



Discussing plans for the 1974-75 school year at New Orleans Seminary are newly named divisional chairmen (from left) Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, biblical studies; Dr. James C. Taylor, pastoral ministries; and Dr. Earl Owen, church music ministries.

The chairman of trustees of the SBC Annuity Board received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., during its 1974 summer graduation ceremonies. Bruce McIver, Baylor alumnus

and former trustee of the Baptist college in Waco, was cited for his contributions to denominational causes and his achievements at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, where he has been pastor since 1958.

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The Scriptures are full of references to physical as well as spiritual excellence. We think these work together.

Improving the human body and its appearance is not wrong. In fact, it is very right. The Bible clearly teaches that our bodies are "temples" of residence. A Christian is a steward of his or her body. It is a necessary instrument in carrying out the will of the human and divine spirit. A sound mind and heart in a sound body are a combination which delights God.

There are really no standards for us to judge decency in clothing. The principle is that God expects us to dress to enhance our own appearance and the well-being of the persons around us. Christians generally conform to the norms which are established—along with any personal variations which seem desirable. Indecency comes when clothing helps bring out the worst in someone else. At that point most Christians find prohibitions.

We suggest that while you are engaging in this self-improvement program you give a proportionate amount of time to building strong spiritual muscles and countenance. It's not "either-or" but "both-and"!

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## Girl's Camp Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Over 650 persons came to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Camp Crestridge for Girls here recently and pay tribute to Miss Arvine Bell, the camp's first and only director.

Miss Bell worked for a year on the program for Camp Crestridge's 20th Anniversary, only to find the entire program changed without her knowledge to be a tribute to her and her work at the Southern Baptist girl's camp.

"Miss Bell is Camp Crestridge and Camp Crestridge is Miss Bell," seemed to be the general feeling of the guests, and was expressed by one of the speakers, R. L. Middleton, retired director of the business division at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers, as well as Camp Crestridge for Girls and Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, were under Middleton's supervision when he was at the Sunday School Board. He maintains a summer home at Ridgecrest now.

Bob M. Boyd, director of the conference center division at the Sunday School Board, and J. M. Crowe, executive vice-president of the Board, both were present for the celebration. Crowe brought greetings and congratulations from James L. Sullivan, president of the Board.

Owen Cooper, immediate past presi-

dent of the Southern Baptist Convention, sent a letter to Miss Bell expressing gratitude for her work. Three of Cooper's daughters attended the summer sessions at Camp Crestridge.

Willard Weeks, retired manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, sent a tape to Miss Bell. He was the manager of Ridgecrest Conference Center when Camp Crestridge was founded.



RIDGECREST, N. C. — Miss Arvine Bell, director of Camp Crestridge for Girls, is shown here at the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the camp with J. M. Crowe (right), executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and Bob M. Boyd, director of the conference center division at the Board. Miss Bell is the first and only director of the camp.

Ken McAnear, manager of nearby Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, said "Those of us that work with Miss Bell recognize her as a true friend."

"The spirit of Camp Crestridge," he continued, "which is really the spirit of God, comes from Miss Bell."

Camp Crestridge for Girls is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

### Three From State On The Staff Of Amite Church, La.

Amite Church, Denham Springs, Louisiana is now staffed with three Mississippians. Rev. James K. Pierce, of Corinth, has been pastor of Amite Church for twelve years. Rev. Bill Boulton, Houston, has been associate pastor for two years. Rev. Gary B. Shows, Ellisville, has recently accepted the position of minister of music and youth.

Mr. Shows resigned the New Palestine Church, Picayune, to join the Amite staff. A graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, he is married to the former Nancy Pickering. They have one son, Scott.

Amite Church is listed in the Quarterly Review as the fourth largest rural church in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is included in Eugene Skelton's book, Ten Fastest-Growing Southern Baptist Sunday Schools, (Broadman).

Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of Mississippi Baptists, is a former minister of music of Amite Church.

What we think, we become.

A person wrapped up in himself makes a small package.

## Devotional

### A Saving Faith

By Odean W. Puckett, Pastor, First, Natchez James 2:14-26

A little boy looked closely at a group of older women who were sitting in beach chairs next to a swimming pool. Finally, he approached one of the ladies and said, "Excuse me, Ma'am, but do you believe in God?" "Yes, I do," she replied. "Do you go to church every Sunday?" he asked. "Yes," was her reply. "Do you read your Bible and pray?" "Yes," replied the surprised woman. "Good," he said. "Will you please hold my quarter while I go swimming?"



That young boy knew there is an important relation between believing and behaving, between faith and works. The thousands of men and women who claim to be saved, yet bring forth no fruits worthy of repentance, constitute the shame of Christian churches.

Works and faith are inter-related. One is inner and spiritual; the other is outward and essentially physical. James says that "a faith without works is mere lip faith, which is really no faith at all" (James 2:17).

How else would you explain it when a man says he is Christian but hasn't been to church in years? How do you explain it when a man says that he is a Christian and then lives an immoral life? How do you explain it, when a man says that he has faith in Christ and then will not support the kingdom of God with his time and talent and money? How do you explain it when a man says that he is a Christian and his family and fellow employees can not stand to be around him because of the way he treats them?

The Bible would explain it this way — Faith without works is no faith at all. It is dead. Your works always demonstrate and prove your faith. One presupposes the other. This is the kind of faith that saves. Have you been saying one thing and living another? Ask for the forgiveness of God and for a saving faith that proves itself in the works of God.

### Bayou View Calls Pastor

Rev. Tom Gautier has accepted a call from Bayou View Church, Gulfport and started his ministry there August 18.



Mr. Gautier, a native of Killean, Texas, received his B.A. degree from the University of Corpus Christi and his THM — Honors Program degree from New Orleans Seminary. He goes to Gulfport from Kenner, Louisiana where he has been pastor of University City Baptist Mission from its inception in 1968.

He was ordained by Lakeview Church, New Orleans.

He is married to the former Judy Bedsole and they have two children, Melenda Sue and Stephen Paul. The Gautier family is residing at the pastorate, 4478 Kendall Circle, Gulfport.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — Sixteen Baptists from 10 Latin American countries have completed a five-week course in television production here.

### McComb Pastor To Preach In Korea

Rev. Curtis L. Williams, pastor of Central Church, McComb, and chairman of evangelism for Pike Association, left August 26 to join 25 other religious leaders for a series of inter-denominational revival crusades in Korea. Central Church has paid all of Pastor Williams' expenses.



The revival crusades will be conducted in Chun Ju, a city of 350,000. Over 200 churches are cooperating in the crusade. Mr. Williams will conduct special week-long services in one of the churches, as well as join others in scores of speaking engagements in colleges, high schools, clubs, army camps, and other places.

The series of crusades is being sponsored by Christ for The World, Inc., a non-profit missionary and evangelistic organization, with headquarters in Orlando, Florida. Dr. E. J. Daniels, the General Director, in com-



### MC Missionaries Gather At Hungry Horse

Pictured are student missionaries in Montana this summer, at Montana Family Camp at Hungry Horse. Left to right: Danny Fultz, Nita Campbell, Robert Allen, Cobran Edwards, Lisa Brannon, Edward Simmons, Pamela Goolsby, Mrs. Mary Cayson, Barbara Roberts, Mark Cayson, Sue Vulcannon. All except Mr. and Mrs. Cayson are Mississippi college students. Mr. Cayson is a pastor in Mississippi, at Artesia Church, Lowndes County.

### Called To Crystal Springs (Walshall)

Rev. Landres E. "Lonnie" Wilbourne, is the new pastor of Crystal Springs Church, Walshall County.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Landres Wilbourne of Scobey, he is married to the former Kathy Jordan of Biloxi. He pastored Big Springs Church, Brookhaven and Shifalo Memorial Church, Kiln, before moving to his new services August 25.

Mr. Wilbourne is entering New Orleans Seminary to work on a Master of Divinity degree with future plans of entering the doctoral program. He is a Mississippi College graduate.

menting on the Korean Crusade said:

"Korea is experiencing a genuine revival. The people are literally begging to hear the Gospel. You can gather thousands even before daylight for religious services. The people will sit on the ground for hours to hear the Bible preached."

Mr. Williams will also assist in a central crusade which is to be conducted in a stadium seating 30,000. Dr. Daniels will be the evangelist, and Lee Fisher, of the Billy Graham Team, will be the singer. Mr. Williams will serve as a team evangelist and singer.

## Revival Dates

Grandview Church, Pearl: Sept. 8-13; Dr. H. R. Herrington, First Church, Rayville, La., evangelist; Mrs. Lynn Peusch Weems, music director; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. O. E. Herrington, pastor.

Olivet, Gulfport: September 8-15; Rev. John Brock, pastor of First, Gautier, evangelist; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; (morning services for Bible Study); Judy Moore of Alaska and Clarke, ventriloquist, guest in some services; Rev. Floyd E. Hughes, pastor.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Fourteen adults and teen-agers were baptized in two baptismal services in the Badaro Street Baptist Church recently. The pastor, Boulos Haddad, baptized ten people, among them a former Muslim, a student at the Beirut Baptist School who invited his class to witness his baptism and a man who began attending church after eavesdropping while members witnessed to another man.



### Forbus Honored On 20th Year At 1st, Greenville

Rev. Barry Landrum (left) presents plaque to Kenneth Forbus for 20 years of service as minister of music at First, Greenville.

At a special service and reception on August 21, First Church, Greenville, honored Kenneth Forbus, minister of music, for twenty years of service to the church. The activities, planned and directed by Mrs. Sarah Carter, included skits depicting incidents in the life of the Forbuses dating back to their early childhood and since 1954, when he was called as minister of music. A special song written for the occasion was sung by a children's choir under the direction of Mrs. James Young and Mrs. James Ashmore.

Special guests for the reception included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Forbus and Mrs. Clema Smith of Alexander City, Alabama, parents of the honoree. Other members of the family in attendance were Kathy, their daughter and Rick, their son, and his wife, Nancy, from Shaw. Rick serves as minister of music and youth at Shaw Church.

Personal gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Forbus by Quilman Steed and Mrs. Sharon Ashmore. The pastor, Rev. Barry Landrum, presented a plaque inscribed with the dates of Mr. Forbus' tenure of service, and the chairman of deacons, R. L. Van Norman, presented a love offering from members of the church. Edward Pang, representing the Chinese Mission, presented a love offering from the mission.

### Mantee Salutes Senior Citizens

Mantee Church recently observed "Senior Citizens' Day." The young people presented a special program which included words of appreciation for the great leadership these residents have provided through the years and for making the Mantee Church and community what it is today. The ladies were presented long-stem carnations and the men were given boutonnieres. The program also consisted of favorite hymns of the honorees and a brief message on "Maturity's Sense of Humor." The pastor, Dr. Fred Womack, said, "Not only did the day bring a capacity crowd to the church, but it brought into view the ties that bind. Since this day, everyone has felt the deep sense of closeness."